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EFFECT OF THE OHIO FIGHT.

The careful and intelligent staff correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution, Mr. Ohl, writes that paper from Washington a long letter dealing with the effect of the fight against Hanna in Ohio, (1) upon the Republican bolters who made it possible, and (2) upon Hanna himself in his relation to national politics.

He declares that Kurtz and Bushnell will be cast into outer darkness by the Ohio Republicans for their party treachery, there to remain. Kurtz will retain his position as national Republican committeeman from Ohio until 1900 because there is no way to get him out, except by the action of the committee itself (which is not expected); but he will merely cumber the political earth, shorn of influence. As for Bushnell, he will serve out his term as Governor, "but," says Mr. Ohl, "he can hardly be expected to enjoy that office," and "after that—the deluge." McKisson is in better shape, because Hanna has thrice bolted his nomination for mayor of Cleveland.

It is in national politics that the outcome is of most interest. Of this the correspondent says:

"Hanna's victory means that his grip upon the Republican party and the Republican administration is firmer than ever—that he is in reality the dominant figure that he has heretofore been pictured. The victory coming as it did has given Hanna a following among the Republican masses that he never had before; and politicians who have in the recesses of their hearts been unfriendly to the big boss, though they have not dared to say so, took his fight as their own and rejoice in his victory. They are for him not only because he is to remain the dominant factor in the Republican party but because they feel he has done them a service in whipping out bolters and in making bolting unpopular, and they are grateful for it.

"As for men who have been openly against Hanna heretofore—the men who are his rivals for leadership of the party—they were among the first to rush to cover and congratulate Hanna upon his victory, although that smashed their beautiful plans for control of the next national convention and the overthrow of McKinley.

"Hanna is bigger than ever. He is more the Republican party and nobody knows that better than the men who lie awake nights trying to invent some plan of doing him up. When he gets back to Washington he will be given an ovation that will serve to emphasize the acknowledgment of his power. He is the whole thing now and no mistake about it; and the fight that has been made upon him has made him strong not only with the politicians, but with the Republican masses. In attempting his overthrow, Kurtz and Bushnell and McKisson have succeeded in giving him a strength such as he could never have attained in any other way. There is now nobody in the Republican party who would have the temerity to criticize him if he were to take the administration by the scruff of the neck and throw it out a back window; his ownership is everywhere acknowledged and his power to enforce it will go unquestioned, for he has shown what he can do."

THE CHARGES AGAINST HANNA TO BE PUT ON RECORD.

Of the charges agaist Hanna, it is gratifying to learn that the Democrats intend to at least put them on record. Says Mr. Ohl:

"We have not heard the last of the Hanna campaign, however. His enemies out in Ohio show no disposition to drop those nasty charges and they are to be brought to the notice of the senate. Not that anybody believes the senate will refuse Hanna his seat, but that the people of the country may have the facts brought thoroughly to their notice. While those who are pushing the matter may not be able to prove that any votes were bought and paid for, they may find enough to convince the country of the methods that were undoubtedly used. All that will have no effect upon the republicans of Ohio except to make them stick all the closer to Marcus, for they like that kind of a man; but the respectable people of the country are, some time or other, going to enter their protests against these methods for which the Republican party has become notorious and some time the worm will turn. This investigation will give them sufficient warrant for it."

THE DEGRADED SUPREME COURT.

Nor are the Democrats of a mind to let slip the opportunity of exhibiting the weakling McKenna as an awful example of the fallibility of the supreme court "as now constituted," as the Chicago platform would say. The correspondent pays his respects to that unspeakable brace, Shiras and McKenna, in these words:

"This man McKenna whom McKinley took into his cabinet and is now trying to put beside the immortal Shiras on the supreme court of the United States, seems to be as many kinds of an ass as was ever the man about whom Vanderbilt used the simile.

"Did you notice McKenna's telegram of congratulation to Hanna? It was he who telegraphed the mighty Marcus that 'everything good in politics has triumphed with you.' When this telegram was brought to the notice of the senate in executive session, some of the senators who had thought that so long as the responsibility of the appointment rested with the republican president they would not oppose confirmation, called a halt. They then recalled that one of the principal grounds of opposition cited by those who know McKenna best and are fighting him hardest was that he is under corporation control. When, therefore, he went so far as to declare that coercion, bribery and corruption of all kinds in the interest of the most notorious corruptionist that has yet come to the front in republican politics was 'all that is best in politics,' they stopped to think.

"The nomination ought, in the natural order of things, to have been acted upon several weeks ago. Had the nominee for so important a place as the supreme bench been a man of high character and legal attainments, such as ought to be selected for the supreme at all there would have been no delay about it, but this was so notoriously a political appointment, that even republican newspapers have advised the senate to go slow in considering its confirmation. Even such a stanch supporter of the McKinley administration as Leslie's Weekly has joined in the protests against the appointment as unfit.

"As it now stands, action on the nomination will be taken next Friday. The opposition to the man is of a character that condemns him in the eyes of the country, no matter what the final disposition of his case in the senate. And yet, in view of the appointment of Shiras and McKenna, they hold up their hands in holy horror when we suggest that the supreme court of the United States is not infallible!"

When we consider all these things and reflect that our own bolters in North Carolina are still tolerated in some quarters that ought to know better, and that, taking advantage of that toleration, they were enabled to dominate our politics to the extent of upholding and defending the corrupt election of Pritchard without rebuke, it would seem that loyal Democrats in our State have been more charitable than the situation warranted.

WELL SAID.

Mr. W. H Oliver Sends a Ringing Reply to the Impudent Circular of the Monetary Commission.

NEW BERN, N. C., Dec. 15th, 1897.
H. H. HANNA, ESQ.,
Chairman of the Indianapolis Monetary Committee.

I have received a circular letter from you which has had my attention.

I am an exceedingly strong advocate of "sound money" I mean the "sound money" as provided for by the coustitution, viz: *gold* and *silver* money.

You ask me to co-operate and unite in the great effort now being made to save the country from "*awful* distress" etc. Most cheerfully will I assist and I also assure you of the active co-operation of a large majority of the voters of this State in assisting in the overthrow of the gold standard which has so fearfully scourged our people. The large number of suicides caused by financial trouble, the vast number of bankruptcies, the labor troubles, reduction in the wages in the Massachusetts cotton mills, the vast armies of unemployed men and women which have followed in the wake of the gold standard all attest to the correctness of your statement of the "awful distress" under which the people of this country are suffering.

It is true that on account of a famine in India and Australia an unusual demand has sprung up for wheat and other grain. It is a sad reflection to know that over two hundred millions of human creatures are affected by the drought that caused this famine and that the suffering and starvation among these people cannot be described. Suffering and starvation of millions of human creatures on one side, money making (mostly by speculators) on the other, a sad picture.

To show the blighting effects of the Gold Standard under which we are living I will mention incidents. One of our most substantial saw mill men says there was a difference of $2,000 in the amount of money he received for the same quantity of lumber shipped by him in 1896 and in 1897—that he received $2,000 *more* for that shipped in 1896 than he did for the same quantity shipped in 1897. He was an exceedingly energetic Gold Standard saw mill man, and was very active during the Presidential campaign. He predicted that if Mr. Bryan was elected President his mill and many others would shut down and thus throw a large number of laborers out of work, on the contrary if Mr. McKinley was made President every saw mill in the country would be running both day and night. Mr. McKinley was made President, but the mill man's prediction was not verified, for in a very short time thereafter his mill was closed down and in the hands of a receiver.

A heavy blow is on the cotton planters of the south. In order for them to pay their taxes, mortgages and other indebtedness they are compelled to deliver a bale and a half of cotton to pay the debt which one bale would have paid if the same price had been received as it was at the time the debt was contracted.

It is plain to the most casual observer that the property of the great masses of the people is going into the hands of comparatively a few; it is also plain that the Government is lending its assistance in carrying this process out. Numerous other instances might be mentioned to show the ruinous effects of the Gold Standard system under which we are living.

If you should succeed in your efforts to "Relieve the Country from the awful Distress" mentioned by you and which has followed the Gold Standard and if you should be successful in establishing a *sound constitutional* money system composed of Gold and Silver as prescribed by the constitution, the people of this country will rise up and bless your committee. Let there be no unfair and unjust discrimination made between Gold and Silver money.

You remind me of the importance of harmony and of the necessity of eliminating the money question from politics." There will be no difficulty on this point when the advocates of the Gold Standard cease their warfare on silver. As you are aware, at the late Presidential election in this State a very large majority of the voters put their seal of condemnation on the Gold Standard. In the ward in which I live in the city of New Bern although one of the Electors on the Palmer and Buckner ticket is a resident, yet that ticket only received two votes.

So you will see our Constitutional Sound Money men are acting in perfect harmony and good faith.

You ask me to write to our Senators and Members of Congress. I will do so with pleasure and beg of them to pass such laws as will relieve us of the "awful distress" alluded to. I will ask them to pass such laws as will furnish a sufficient amount of Constitutional Sound money—*Gold and Silver*—as will be sufficient to do the legitimate business of the country. It is a very common expression with the advocates of the Gold Standard that the ruinous low prices at which cotton and other farm products are selling are regulated by supply and demand [of the cotton.] To some extent this is true, but the *small supply of money* in the hands of the people is in a great measure the cause of it.

It is a little singular that in your circular the word *Gold* is not found.

I remember that the committee of which you are chairman is composed entirely of Gold Standard advocates, which makes this appear more singular.

Can it be possible that those who are making so strenuous an effort in regard to *Sound Money* should claim that only Gold is Sound Money, and that this omission is a trick, a device, an effort to deceive? If so, the vast number of Constitutional Sound Money men will have no connection with it.

You ask me to use my efforts in "creating respect for the good intentions of the committee and a virtual sacrifice of individual opinion," in order to make their report a great success.

Such a proposition might with propriety be made to those who have neither the ability to form an opinion nor the independence to express it, but it will not do for others,

Very Respectfully,
WILLIAM H. OLIVER.

THE PYTHIANS OF FAYETTEVILLE

Address Delivered by Mr. Q K Nimocks at the Pythian Banquet, Jan. 18, 1898.

Mr. Chairman, Brothers and Friends:

In responding to the toast assigned me tonight, it is proper for me to say at the very outset of my remarks that Cumberland Lodge is too rich in history for me to attempt, within the brief period allotted to each speaker on this occasion, even a condensed history of the order here; and I shall, therefore, confine myself in the main to a short and rapid review of the earlier history of the lodge.

Nearly all great movements in the world's history mark their onward progress from small beginnings, and to men of humbler calling often belongs the credit of greatest achievement for human good. This was true of the introduction of the order of Knights of Pythias in Fayetteville; for, great and powerful as the order has since grown to be in this genial soil, it's beginning was small, but thirteen members joining on the first evening of the institution of the Lodge here. To Brother L. C. Straughn, a carpenter by trade and a modest and unassuming man, but withal a man of sterling worth and solid character, is perhaps chiefly due the credit and honor of implanting the order in Fayetteville, though others are, of course, entitled to share in the honor, prominent among whom should be mentioned, Brothers T. J. Powers, J. A. D. Boone, Edward Sykes, and possibly others still. But we say to Brother Straughn, chiefly, because it was largely due to his knowledge of the order, its rapid growth and increasing usefulness, acquired during his intercourse with many of the Knights at Wilmington, where he often went in the pursuit of his trade, that the order came to be started in Fayetteville, his native home.

The suggestion for the organization of a lodge of the order here at this time met with a ready response from those approached on the subject; and as a result, the following persons met in the second story of the building on the south side of Person street, now occupied by Brother B. R. Taylor as a business office, used at that time as the mayor's office: W. A. Guthrie, O. H. Blocker, J. W. Phillips, J. O. Boone, L. C. Straughn, W. J. Cooley, J. A. D. Boone, J. L. Andrews, T. J. Powers, Ed. Sykes, I. B. Davis, B. G. Hollingsworth, J. T. Warwick, Wm. McKenzie and Walter Watson. Of this number, all but the two last named became charter members of the lodge. Brother J. A. D. Boone, who actively aided in getting up the lodge, having conducted all the necessary correspondence, was at this time city marshal, which fact explains why the preliminary meetings were all held in the office of the mayor. The lodge itself was instituted in the hall of the old Fayetteville Hotel which it continued to occupy as a Castle Hall until Oct. 25th, 1871, when it secured new quarters with Phœnix Lodge of Masons.

There were present at the institution of the Lodge on the night of September 9th, 1871, the following visiting brothers: Deputy Grand Chancellor Wm. A. Jobson, the instituting officer; Rev. F. H. Wood, Thos. Anderson, G. A. A. Poppie, I. C. Bond and Henry Haar, all of Wilmington. Bro. Jobson, after opening the Lodge in due form, stated that "he had come to Fayetteville for the purpose of implanting the Order in said City by organizing Cumberland Lodge, No. 5, and hoped that he should have no future cause to regret his visit here." He also stated that in a few weeks we "should be entitled to a Grand Lodge when he hoped Cumberland Lodge would be second to none, either in point of numbers or proficiency." That his hopeful anticipations in this respect have not been disappointed, the subsequent history of Grand old Cumberland, No. 5, will abundantly show; for the blessing of prosperity has been hers through the years. Never from the first day of its organization to the present time has the existence of the Lodge been threatened by adversity, though like other Lodges, she has had her times of trial; times when it cost something of service, something of sacrifice to be a member of the Order. In spite of this, however, she has gone on from strength to strength, increasing in numbers and usefulness with the increase of time, until to day we find her the glory and pride of Pythianism, and pre-eminently the banner Lodge of the Grand Domain of North Carolina. It may be interesting to relate just here that a previous attempt had been made to organize a Lodge of the Order in Fayetteville, but it failed, as some of the names appearing on the application for charter were objectionable. This care in the selection of its membership is still a distinguishing characteristic of our Lodge; and none but *gentlemen* need apply for admission into her ranks. "Clarendon Lodge" was the name first designated for the Lodge, in the application for the charter; but this was changed by Bro. Jobson to "Cumberland Lodge" there having been already a Clarendon Lodge in existence at Wilmington. As Cumberland Lodge was organized previous to the institution of the Grand Lodge in North Carolina, Bro. Jobson acted by authority of the Supreme Lodge in instituting Cumberland Lodge; and when the Grand Lodge was instituted in this State, as it was a few months later, Bro. Jobson was made first Grand Chancellor, a fitting recognition of his great zeal and unselfish devotion to the cause of Pythianism in North Carolina.

The following were the first to serve as officers of Cumberland Lodge:

Venerable Patriarch—S. W. Skinner.
Worthy Chancellor—W. A. Guthrie.
Vice Chancellor—O. H. Blocker.
Recording Scribe—J. W. Phillips.
Financial Scribe—J. O. Boone.
Worthy Banker—L. C. Straughn.
Worthy Guide—W. J. Cooly.
Inner Steward—J. A. D. Boone.
Outer Steward—J. L. Andrews.
Attendants—Bros. T. J. Powers and Edward Sykes.

As stated before, the Lodge started with just thirteen members; and many no doubt were the prophecies of ill-fortune in the minds of the more superstitious, that the Lodge should launch out upon the untried sea of Pythianism with such an unlucky number to begin with. The number was not to remain long at this figure, however; for at the very next Convention five applications for membership were received from the following: Daniel McGuire, W. M. Dodd, Ambrose Overbaugh. Jno. D. Brown, and J. T. Moore. This special Convention was held just two days after the institution of the Lodge; that is to say, on Sept. 11th, 1871, and at 10 o'clock in the morning; such was the interest in the order, and the enthusiasm manifested by the members at this time. That night of the same day, eight more applications were received and acted upon; and by January 2nd, 1872, less than four months after the Lodge was instituted, the total membership numbered 38; all animated, it would seem, by the same earnest purpose, namely: the upbuilding of Pythianism in Fayetteville in its highest and best form. How well they succeeded in the undertaking, may best be judged by the results of the present day; for truly in no section of the State does the order grow and flourish, or the spirit of Pythianism abound, more than here.

Great care has been exercised with regard to the personel of the Lodge; not in the sense of class distinction, for as a matter of fact, the deserving of every class, whether farmer, mechanic, laborer, merchant or professional man, are freely admitted to membership in the order. And once admitted, there is no aristocracy to be found within her ranks, for here all meet upon one common level of the brotherhood of man. But in order to membership, there must be the one qualifying condition of merit; else they knock in vain who seek admission through her portals.

In the roll of membership of Cumberland Lodge are to be found many whose names are distinguished in the history of the State; many who reflect credit and honor upon their chosen vocation or calling in life. The broad, fraternal spirit of Pythianism is shown in the action of Cumberland Lodge in appointing a Committee to draft resolutions of sympathy for the Chicago brethren at the time of the great fire of 1871, and another Committee to solicit funds for their aid. Bro. W. C. Troy was chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, and Bro. J. W. Phillips chairman of the Committee to solicit aid, as we find from the minutes of Nov. 15, '71. Another striking evidence of the purely fraternal character of the order is to be found in the fact that the first two Worthy Chancellors, or Chancellor Commanders, as we term them now, were men of political faith widely different from that of a large majority of the members of the order. Bros. W. A. Guthrie and O. H. Blocker, to whom I refer, were both at the time active members of the Republican party, while nearly, if not quite every other member of the Lodge gave their adherence to the Democratic party. This is delicate ground, to be sure; and I only venture upon it, lightly and cautiously, to show conclusively that in the three great fundamentals of our Pythian faith, Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence, all distinction of sectional residence or political affiliation is lost sight of.

The first session of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held in Wilmington, Nov. 20th, 1871, and the following were the delegates from Cumberland Lodge: Bros. O. H. Blocker, J. W. Phillips, and S. W. Skinner. At this time there were only five subordinate Lodges of the order in existence in the State, Cumberland No. 5 being of course among the number. As the records of the Grand Lodge will amply show, representatives from Cumberland Lodge have always occupied prominent positions in the Grand Lodge body, and have always played an important part in the deliberations of these annual Conventions of the Order. Cumberland Lodge enjoys the honor of having furnished four Grand Chancellors to the Grand Lodge, as follows: Bros. O. H. Blocker, W. A. Guthrie, W. C. Troy, and W. S. Cook, in the order named. Three of our number have served as Grand Representatives to the Supreme Lodge, viz: Bros. W. A. Guthrie, W. C. Troy, and W. S. Cook.

On Jan. 11th, 1872, occurred an event of unusual interest in the history of Cumberland Lodge, being the visit of the first and only Supreme Chancellor Commander who has ever honored our Lodge with his presence. The following brief extract is taken from the Lodge minutes of that date: "Called meeting by the Worthy Chancellor. The Lodge was opened in due usual form, Worthy Chancellor O. H. Blocker in the chair. The Lodge was honored by the presence of Samuel Read, Supreme Chancellor K. of P., who addressed the Lodge in a few very appropriate remarks, and also gave some valuable instructions as to the work of the Lodge."

We find that he was also present at the next two regular conventions, Jan'y 17th and 24th, and presented the Lodge with a photograph of himself, which was accepted on behalf of the Lodge by Bro. W. A. Guthrie in a neat speech of thanks. This picture was suitably framed, and has ever since adorned the walls of our Castle Hall.

He was accompanied on the night of the 24th by the Grand Chancellor, Bro. Jobson, and the occasion proved a red letter day in the history of Cumberland Lodge, if one may judge from the record of the event as found in the minutes of that date.

Such was Pythianism in the earlier years of its existence in Fayetteville.

Strong and lusty in its infancy, Cumberland Lodge has more than fulfilled the promise of its young life by a strong and healthy maturity. Of all it has done for those who joined her ranks, and the loved ones of brothers who have long since gone to their eternal home; of all that it is doing today—I have not the time to speak nor you the patience to hear. Suffice it to say that it is an order which in every way merits your confidence; and should you, my unitiated friends, wisely decide to cast your fortunes with us, I am sure you will come to look back upon the event as an epoch in your own life's history in the years to follow.

The Death of Wyatt.

Mr. R. H. Bradley in Raleigh News and Observer.

I hope you will grant me space in your valuable paper to correct some errors in Mr. O. W. Blacknall's communication, published in your issue of the 9th inst. By way of preface, however, I wish to say that I have never before written a line for publication on the subject mentioned in this communication, and it was my intention never to have done so, but for fear that my silence might be construed as significant of my acquiescene in the statements which he made and as evidence of the truthfulnes thereof, I feel it to be my duty, not only to the living as well as to the memory of the dead, but also to historic accuracy, to depart from my determination far enough to make following corrections:

In the first place, I am not the only survivor of the squad mentioned in our comrade's communication. Captain John H. Thorpe of Rocky Mount is still living.

In the second place, I was not the leader of the squad that volunteered to burn the house between the lines. That duty was assigned to our late comrade, Sergeant George H. Williams, who performed his duty gallantly. I was in the rear, not in the lead.

In fact, this entire incident of which I write was of so small importance as compared with the vast aggregate of deeds of noble daring enacted thereafter that but for one simple fact it would never have gained the notoriety which has fallen to its lot. The fact was the fall of Wyatt, the first of the many North Carolinians to fall in a cause that was not "lost."

Some have said that the enemy was in force behind the house which we volunteered to burn, and that we charged in the face of them, and that Wyatt was shot by them from the house. Such, however, is not the fact. It is true that the enemy had been there in force a very short time before, but the only Federal who was there at that time was one who had been shot through the stomach and who was afterwards brought into our lines. The shot which killed Wyatt was fired by the rear guard of the enemy, stationed in the corner of the woods to our left front. The main body of the enemy was then in full retreat, but that was not known by Colonel Hill until a short time afterwards.

The last shot fired by the enemy was the one which killed Wyatt. He was shot through the head and fell forward, then turned on his back and never moved again, though he did not cease to breathe until he was put in the ambulance to return to Yorktown that night, some four or five hours after he was shot.

The movements of our company the Edgecombe Guards, from the beginning of the fight up to the time of the fall of Wyatt were as follows: It was stationed across a little stream about one hundred and fifty yards in advance of our works (left front) as skirmishers. Wyatt and —— were sent out by Capt. Bridgers to our left to observe the movement of the enemy in that direction, who returned and reported that we were about to be cut off by an advance of the enemy from that direction. Capt. Bridgers ordered the company to retire to our works, but was ordered by Col. Magruder to return to our position and hold it all hazards, which we did, until we were ordered to the right of our lines to support Captain Avery (Burke Rifles) who was supporting a Howitzer under command of Captain Brown placed in some earthworks at the head of an old mill dam on the other side of the river from the church and our main works. As we crossed over from left to right we were subjected to a cross fire, one from a regiment which had advanced in the field to the house which was afterwards burned, and the other from the advance of Colonel Winthrop's column, which made the most determined attack that was made upon our works during the engagement. Winthrop was killed within sixty or eighty yards of the left angle of our lines. While making this manœuvre, two of our company were wounded in front of the church. The first one I saw was private Chas. Williams, wounded in the arm near the shoulder. The other was private Council Rogers, shot in the breast, a serious wound, the effects of which caused his death some years later. When the enemy advanced on our right in the house field the Howitzer above mentioned was accidentally spiked by one of the cannoneers, and the works were abandoned by order of Col. Hill. Captain Avery, together with the battalion of Virginians under command of Lt. Col. Stewart returned to the main works. When our company had advanced to the breastworks recently abandoned by Capt. Avery, the enemy had retired. At this time Colonel Hill came to our company, called for volunteers to burn the house, for fear the enemy might advance under its cover and use it as a defense. Those who volunteered crossed over the breastworks and advanced at a double quick in the following order, to-wit: George H. Williams, with hatchet and matches; Thomas Fallon on his left, then John H. Thorpe, and Wyatt on his left, then the writer, about five or six feet behind Wyatt. We had not advanced more than thirty or forty yards when Wyatt fell and we were ordered back.

Another Howitzer was ordered up to shell and set fire to the house. The first shell passed through the house and exploded beyond it. The second burst in the building and set it on fire.

This is a true statement of the circumstances connected with the death of Wyatt. At the solicitation of several friends I have thus endeavored to correct some of the many erroneous statements that have been going the rounds of the press in connection with the matter.

Yours very truly,
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After the Pie.

The commissions of Deputy U. S. Marshal J. W. Atkinson and Field Deputy Pugh expired Saturday. These gentlemen have made efficient officers and we believe have the good will of the public generally. The two most prominent candidates for the deputy marshalship are we learn, Mr. Alfred Morrisey and 'Squire H. B. Everitt.

The former has the pull, however, as he is a relative of the new marshal, H. C. Dockery.

Deputy Collector Troy still retains his office, but though he is under the civil service, the new collector will probably find some way to oust him. He is now in Washington trying to have the civil service as applied to deputy collectors revoked. Law means very little to pie hungry Republicans.

Chairman of the county Populist executive committee, C. C. McClellan, and S. C. Godwin, are prominent candidates, waiting for this plum the collector is trying to wrest from Mr. Troy.

Later—Mr. Morrisey has received the appointment to the deputy marshalship.

Injunction Against Sale of Phœnix Stock.

Thursday, before the time appointed for the sale of delinquent stock in the Phœnix Cotton Manufacturing Company, S. H. MacRae, Esq., returned from Rockingham, where he appeared before Judge Allen last night with temporary restraining order, restraining the sale of said stock and citing the Phœnix Company to appear before Judge Allen at Carthage, Feb. 3rd.

The suit was instituted by F. W. Thornton and others, who contend:

"That as there had been a premature abandonment of the enterprise, no stock having matured (except the paid up stock) unadvanced stockholders cannot be assessed so as to make their stock equal to the advanced stock, but that the assets are to be distributed as they now stand, after charging the unadvanced proper interest."

The directors, by whom the sale was ordered, claim that they were doing nothing more than they were authorized by the constitution and by-laws. Messrs. N. A. Sinclair and S. H. MacRae represent the plantiffs and Hon. Geo. M. Rose the defendant corporation.

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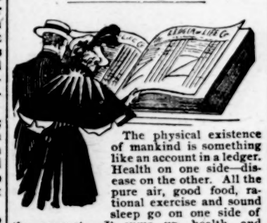

The physical existence of mankind is something like an account in a ledger. Health on one side—disease on the other. All the pure air, good food, rational exercise and sound sleep go on one side of the account. It sums up health and strength. On the other side, are bad air, poor food, overwork and worry. That foots up weakness and disease.

When your appetite or sleep is disturbed; when the stomach and liver are not working properly, or the bowels are not in regular condition; you are losing vitality and strength; figures are going down on the wrong side of the ledger. Unless this is stopped and the other side of the account is built up, you'll soon be a physical bankrupt.

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A Prominent Citizen and His Wife Shot At.

Wednesday night as Maj. J. C. Vann and his wife were crossing Moore street on their way home, they were struck by a clod of dirt thrown by a negro boy, probably at a companion, as there were a number of colored boys playing or fighting near by.

Maj. Vann remonstrated with the boys and walked on. He and his wife had hardly gone fifty yards when they were fired at from the direction of where the negroes were standing, two bullets passing so close to them that they could be heard. Maj. Vann ran back in the direction from whence the shots came but the little scoundrels had disappeared.

We trust they will be caught and taught a severe lesson.

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THE INEVITABLE ISSUE.

Each day that passes hurries forward the inevitable issue. It was bimetallism — the bimetallism of the Constitution—against the gold standard of the revolutionists in the last campaign. It will be the same in the next. The recent attempt of the Clevelandites in North Carolina to commit the Democratic party to an avoidance of that issue was but part of the wider movement that included all the States. That was defeated on the 30th of November at Raleigh; but, as we have said, every device that ingenuity could suggest has been employed since to nullify or minimize that defeat, and to cause the silver forces to waste their strength in division.

In vain. The inevitable issue will not down. It asserts itself at every turn, and now finds its most convenient expression in Mr. Teller's resolution repeating the Stanley Matthews resolution of 1878.

As soon as this was introduced, the OBSERVER printed it in full—the only paper in the State that did, and, so far as we have noticed, the only one in the South. Behold, to-day it is the one thing about which all politics revolves. It was intended for the purpose of separating the sheep from the goats—and it is doing it.

On Thursday the vote will be taken on that resolution, and we shall have the first chapter of the re-alignment of parties. The others will follow inevitably; and we shall find as a result a purified, restored and confident Democracy, under the Democratic banner, ready for the supreme battle for Man against Money in 1900.

Meanwhile, these reports from the battlefield by goldbug papers will be interesting.

The Philadelphia Record's Washington correspondent says:

The issue of the coming campaign is now being made up in Congress on the money question. Nothing can come of the measure offered by either side except to sharply draw the issue and clearly divide the opposing forces. Nothing that the Senate passes can pass the House, and nothing that the House passes can pass the Senate on this question. This is now recognized even by most of those currency reformers who thought their campaign of education might affect the Senate so powerfully as to enable them to pass through that body any currency reform measure they could get through the House. The campaign of education will possibly pass a bill through the House, and at all events it must be kept up for its effect in the campaign of next fall.

All the Republican leaders in Congress do not seem to appreciate that they must face this issue and that the battle for the control of the next Senate and the next House of Representatives turns upon it and is really already on, for some of them are trying to avoid or at least postpone.

SENATOR QUAY'S WARNING.

Senator Quay, the most astute politician on the Republican side, said today: "The Republicans talk about meeting the financial question; yet they ran away from it yesterday. Those men who made millions of dollars out of the result of the last election imagine that the financial question is a dead issue, and that they are safe from any danger of Bryanism or free silver. They will find out their mistake when the vote on the Vest resolution is taken.

CHANDLER WILL VOTE FOR SILVER.

The Senate agreed to day to vote next Thursday before adjournment upon the Teller resolution, and Senator Chandler will surprise the country, if not the Senate, by voting for the resolution. He says he believes this is the proper course for all Republicans to take in view of the declarations of the St. Louis platform. Senator Chandler is quoted by Senators as declaring that there has been a great change in the sentiment of New England on the silver question, and that the great majority of its people are opposed to the gold standard, and that of the two a majority of the voters of New England would prefer free coinage at 16 to 1. Senator Chandler said to day: "There is a proposition pending among Republican Senators to agree upon a declaration of financial principles upon which we can all stand. I hold that we as party men are bound to stand by the St. Louis platform, which favors an honorable effort to obtain international bimetallism. The party organization adopted that line of policy at its last national convention and no man or set of men has the right to overthrow that policy except in convention assembled."

Says the Atlanta Journal's correspondent:

"I think we have effectually squashed any more Gage bills by our vote today," said Senator Teller, after his resolution was taken up in the senate on Thursday by a vote of 41 to 25.

This vote was a shock to the gold men and upholds the contention of the president that no currency reform could be had at this session so therefore there was no use to force a fight on a losing issue. The silver men regard the vote on Thursday as a clear expression of a lack of confidence in Secretary Gage's policy and a rebuff to his declaration in favor of "the single gold standard." The substance of the resolution was simply a declaration that government bonds are payable in silver as well as gold. There is no chance for this resolution to get before the house, but it was introduced merely to secure a test vote on the silver question. And the odds in favor of the white metal was a shock to the gold men who sat gloomily in their seats and offered no obstruction to the silver men who marched in and took the right of way almost without a struggle.

This resolution now becomes the unfinished business of the senate and it will be debated at length. The resolution will pass as soon as a vote is had. The silver men do not attempt to conceal their joy over this display of strength. Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Campaign committee, says that the vote marks an epoch in the development of sentiment in this country on the money question, and that it is a plain notice to the president that Secretary Gage's gold standard policy has few supporters in the senate.

It indicates clearly that all plans to reform the currency will fail, at least in this congress.

THE VOTE TO TAKE UP THE TELLER RESOLUTION.

Following was the vote (on Thursday last) to take up the Teller resolution:

Yeas—Allen, Bacon, Bate, Berry, Butler, Cannon, Chilton, Clark, Clay, Cockrell, Faulkner, Harriss, Heitfield, Jones (Arkansas), Kenney, Kyle, McEnery, Mallory, Mantle, Martin, Mills, Mitchell, Money, Morgan, Perkins, Pettigrew, Pettus, Pritchard, Quay, Rawlins, Roach, Shoup, Stewart, Teller, Tillman, Turpie, Vest, Walthall, Warren, White and Wolcott—41.

Nays—Aldrich, Allison, Baker, Cullom, Davis, Fairbanks, Foraker, Frye, Gallinger, Gear, Gray, Hale, Hanna, Hansbrough, Hoar, Lodge, Morrill, McBride, Nelson, Platt (Connecticut), Proctor, Sewell, Spooner, Thurston, Wetmore—25.

This vote does not, of course, coincide with the vote which will be given on Thursday on the resolution itself. While the Republicans, as a rule, voted against taking up, some voted for taking up, because unwilling, as Senator Quay expressed it, to appear to "run away" from the issue.

REPUBLICANS ON THE DEFENSIVE.

What a change has taken place in the attitude of the two great parties towards each in the past twelve months. A year ago, the triumphant Republicans were preparing for the inauguration of McKinley and of the consequent prosperity which was to be branded with his name. The one was not followed by the other, and the natural reaction set in.

But to have the Republicans on the defensive in the matter of the tariff has been an old song since the "campaign of education" of 1890. The most notable change relates to the attitude of the two parties on the money question. Sound as their contention was in this respect, the Democrats in the late campaign were on the defensive, being outclassed by the enemy's superior weight of (newspaper) metal. But that campaign of '96 was also a campaign of education, and its results have become increasingly apparent as the days go by. We printed yesterday the remarkable statement of Senator Chandler, that even New England has been educated to the extent of preferring free silver at 16 to 1 to the gold standard. That records an astounding change since Bryan made his famous campaign "in the enemy's country." The advocates of "16 to 1" were then held to be either dishonest and vicious, or ignorant, or demented.

Nothing illustrates the state of collapse into which the gold propaganda has fallen better than the following leading editorial in the New York Sun, the most uncompromising as well as the most politic advocate of the gold standard in all the country:

"The Sun has, all along, insisted that none of the bills for 'currency reform,' now before the House Committee on Banking and Currency, could possibly become laws, because the Senate would never consent to enact them. Particularly has it pointed out the folly of engrafting upon these bills a declaration in favor of the single gold standard. Such a declaration, we have said, even if made by this Congress, would have no binding effect on its successors, and the effort to get it made now would be only a provocation to the silverites both in the House and in the Senate to renew their warfare upon gold.

"The decisive vote of 41 to 27 by which the Senate, on Thursday, agreed to take up Senator Vest's resolution in favor of paying the national debt in silver dollars at the ratio of 16 to 1, amply justifies our warning. The resolution will probably be passed by the Senate and sent to the House, where though it will finally be defeated, it will give rise to a fierce debate and revive the enthusiasm for free silver, which otherwise would have remained dormant.

"There is a wise Scottish saying, 'Let sleeping dogs lie.' The agitation in favor of free silver was quieted for the time by the defeat of Mr. Bryan last November, and the rise of wheat to a dollar a bushel administered to it a further soporific. Now come the currency reformers and wake it up with their crazy scheme to substitute for Government notes bank notes at a cost to the nation of $500,000,000, and, as if that were not enough, with an exasperating excommunication of silver, which all sensible people see is premature. The Senate has very properly taught these fanatics a lesson, and we hope they will profit by it."

What a fall is there! A confession that the doctrine of the gold standard can no longer stand the light of agitation and discussion! What a luxuriant crop of truth the good seed sown eighteen months ago must have produced to bring about such a change. Why, even our North Carolina McKinley "Democrats" seem to have lost their "cheek" as advisers of the Democratic Democrats. They have a fine opportunity now in the turpitude of Chairman Jones and the rest of the wicked Democrats in congress, who are actually "co-operating" with the Populists and silver Republicans to prevent the passage of a gold standard law. We ought to have some ringing editorials on the subject of "dying in the last ditch" rather than submit to such defilement. But what a consummate lot of frauds those McKinley Democrats are, when you come to think of it.

What with their utter failure to prevent the co-operation of the elements opposed to the Republicans on the leading issues of the day—silver and Cuba—the Republicans and assistant Republicans seem to be in a very dilapidated condition.

CUBA THE FOOTBALL OF POLITICS.

The Atlanta Journal's Washington correspondent gives this interesting resume of the Cuban question as it is related to American domestic politics:

"'McKinley may mar his prospects for a renomination for president by interfering in Cuba, but he eternally damns his administration and his future chances if he permits Spain ever to gain the supremacy of the island,' said a Republican senator today.

"This is the truth in a nutshell. It was such sentiments as this that went the rounds freely Saturday when it was learned that the Spanish troops had taken Esperanza, the Cuban stronghold. Whether the refusal of this country to interfere with affairs on the island be responsible for the subjugation of the insurgents or not, whatever administration is in power at the time such a thing is done will get the blame for it. It is known that at the beginning of last year the insurgents were in good condition and that they could have speedily ended the war had the president or the Republican party intervened and recognized the belligerency.

"The Republicans here were alarmed when they heard that the Cuban capital was taken. The insurgents' friends here deny the accuracy of the report and say moreover, that even if it were true it would make no material difference in the situation. Still the report was sufficient to frighten the Republicans who come up for re-election next fall.

"The administration which would allow the Spanish to gain ascendancy over the island would go out of existence damned by everybody and every party. No one knows this better than President McKinley. Republicans here do not think McKinley will ever allow the war to end, at least during his administration. Rather than that he should be held responsible for such a disaster he would take any excuse to interfere, so his party adherents declare.

"Everything seems to point to the early settlement of the question, however. The activity of our navy department, the hostile attitude of the Republicans in the house toward a neutral policy and above all the threatening humor of the Spanish and the Spanish sympathisers in Cuba toward Americans.

"The charge is made here that the only thing that holds the administration in check is the fact that Senator Hanna promised the campaign contributors that there should be no foreign disturbances if it were possible to avoid them in this administration. The charges are hardly true, for it is impossible to think that a president would allow his hands to be tied by an anti-campaign promise of this character.

"The fact of the matter is McKinley does not want to precipitate matters himself. He would much prefer hostilities to begin on the other side. Should Spain force trouble, then the president would have the support of all parties and men in defending the country, but should war be persuant on any act of his the sentiment of the country would be divided. Then it is possible that McKinley wants to wait until summer to act, when the effect of any interference would be of value to every Republican making a congressional race. A mid-summer war play would undoubtedly snatch the next house from the Democrats and keep it Republican. But should the president do nothing but keep the peace or should he allow the island to be subdued, he would find a congress on his hands with a Democratic majority larger than that of the fifty-third congress. Bailey, who has an eye on the future, sees that Cuba will be the dominant issue in the campaign this fall and to gain that majority necessary to make him speaker he is forcing the fighting on this issue now. But McKinley can, if he desires, cut his feet from under him by a proclamation of belligerency."

It is a dreadful thing to consider that the lives of so many thousands of innocent human beings should be made the sport of politics in a neutral country. Of course, such things have been happening from time immemorial; but it used to be our republican boast that they were the outcome of the selfishness or ambition of monarchs and were impossible under such a government as ours. If the reader will cast his mind back to the last session of Congress under Mr. Cleveland, he will find the beginning of all the present trouble. Both houses of Congress passed resolutions recognizing the belligerency of Cuba. The President bottled up these resolutions on the ground that the initiative in such matters rested with the executive. The weight of authority is that he was wholly wrong; but a servile (Republican) Congress allowed the Cleveland position to stand without rebuke. It is not unnatural, therefore, that his successor should regard our relations to other countries in all matters leading up to war, as entirely under executive control; and, if under executive control, then (under the new dispensation) placed there for the personal advantage of the executive—just as in the matter of patronage, for example.

As seems to be generally admitted now, the recognition of Cuban belligerency two years ago would have enabled Cuba to win her own independence in short order, and without the necessity of intervention by us. If war now ensues, as a result of the present movements, we will know at whose door to lay the blame, primarily.

But while Cuba is the football of mere politics now, Mr. Cleveland's act two years ago was the result of yet more unworthy influences—if we may judge by the astonishing pro-Spanish course of his friends and claquers, who, in the case of Carlisle and a newspaper, even descended to the act of calling for little Miss Cisneros's return to Weyler's hands.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Here is a new wrinkle in the discusion of the propositton to amend the Constitution so as to require the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people. The Scranton (Pa.) Tribune is quoted as saying: "Apropos of the agitation for the popular election of United States senators, The Philadelphia Record makes the suggestion that the Constitution be so amended as to give to each State the right to choose its senators in its own way. This, if we mistake not, is a new idea; and it would have the advantage of leaving a door open to escape in case the radical plan of a popular election amendment should in operation result unsatisfactorily." Amendments to the Constitution are very ponderous things, and their details matters that are not lightly to be entered upon, but the Record's suggestion seems to us to be a good solution of a proposition that appears to be gaining in strength with its agitation.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24th, 1898.

Czar Reed has one commendable trait—frankness. When he learned that the Committee on Territories was inclined to favorably report bills for the admission of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, as States, he told the members flat-footed that it was useless for them to do so, as he did not intend that those territories should be admitted, so long as he had the power to prevent, and the present conditions continue to exist. He added that it was simply a question of gold against silver, it being well known that each of the territories named would send two silver men to the Senate, if they had the opportunity.

The hot fight made for recognition of Cuba, by the democrats of the House, has frightened the whole administration outfit very badly. The fake news of Spanish successes in Cuba also indicate that the fright has extended to the Spaniards. The fighting isn't over yet. Representative Bailey proved on the floor of the House that the efforts of the democrats were thwarted for the time, only by a breach of faith on the part of Czar Reed and Mr. Hitt.

Senator White, of California, who is leading the fight against the ratification of the annexation treaty, is so confident that the treaty cannot be ratified that he proposed to Senator Davis, who has charge of the treaty, that a day be set for taking the vote, and the proposition was declined. That little incident tells the story of the situation as well as it could be done in a column of space.

The refusal of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, which has been holding daily sessions in order to hear everything that Secretary Gage, members of the monetary conference, and other advocates of the single gold standard, might have to present in the shape of a gold argument, to grant hearings to representatives of the American Bimetallic Unoin, was an unprecedented and an uncalled for insult. The Executive Committee of the American Bimetallic Union sent a very manly and dignified protest to the Committee, closing with the following appeal to the love of fair play that every properly constituted American has: "So far as we are aware, this is the first time that in a matter of so much importance, a great Congressional Committee engaged in giving hearings on a proposition before it, has refused to accord a full and fair hearing to both sides."

In marked contrast to the action of the House Banking and Currency Committee was that of the silver Senators, whose majority gives them the power to prolong the financial debate in the Senate, as long as they might wish to do so, on the Teller resolution, declaring U. S. bonds to be payable in silver at the option of the government. They merely desired to adopt that resolution, as a notice to the gold standard administration that gold standard legislation is an impossibility during the life of the present Congress, and to put certain Senators on record for the benefit of their constituents, and in order to show that they had no desire to unnecessarily prolong the financial debate, Senator Vest, who has charge of the resolution, submitted an agreement that the vote be taken on Thursday of this week, which was adopted. The adoption of the resolution by the Senate is a certainty; the House will, of course, in deference to Czar Reed allow it to be pigeon-holed.

The republicans who started out to throw down some of the bars to the Federal offices, are up against a snag in the shape of the inability of the House Civil Service Committee to agree upon a bill. To conceal this difficulty and to gain time, the Committee has started an indefinite series of hearings, such as the Senate Committee has been conducting off and on for months.

It will be lamentable if Mr. McKinley allows the scheming republicans to dictate the successor to Hon. Ben Butterworth, late Commissioner of Patents, whose funeral last week, drew together so many sorrowful public men, regardless of politics.

Mr. Butterworth did the country a great and valuable service in reforming the abuses in the practice before the Patent Office, and he was ably assisted in that work by Hon. A. P. Greeley, Acting Commissioner of Patents. Mr. McKinley could not show his sympathy with the reform work done by Mr. Butterworth in a more practical way, than by making Mr. Greeley Commissioner of Patents.

The election of Senator White, of California, to be Chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and the adoption of a strong resolution, endorsing the Chicago platform, ended the career of numerous very foolish fairy tales.

What It Shows.

Altanta Constitution.]

The New York Herald says that Senator Wolcott's own summary of the existing situation "must convince every unprejudiced reader that bimetallism is as dead as a doornail."

A great metropolitan newspaper should not draw hasty conclusions. Mr. Wolcott's summary will convince those who have been depending on international bimetallism for relief that there is no escape by that route. Mr. Wolcott has demonstrated that those who regarded international bimetallism as a sham and a mockery were right.

He has demonstrated that the democratic party, in declaring for independent bimetallism, and in insisting that such action was the only way to secure an international agreement, were right; that Mr. Teller was right when he foresaw that the republican party would be the gold party; that Mr. McKinley was deceiving the public when he appointed the commission, and that the republican party made its bimetallic declaration when the leaders were pledged to gold.

These things were worth demonstrating.

St. John to Leave the S. A. L.

The St. Louis Republic says:

"It is stated on what is considered the best of authority, that E. St. John, who recently tendered his resignation as manager of the Seaboard Air Line, to take effect February 1st. will on that day become manager of the Union Pacific. He will succeed Edward Dickenson, who will accept an executive position with the Baltimore and Ohio."

SOUTHERN PINES CHIPS.

Visitors to our Sunny South arrive now on every train.

The cottages are nearly all occupied. Hotels filling up.

Pineywoods Inn has about sixty-five guests.

Holly Inn (Pinehurst) has about seventy guests.

Mr. J. W. Tuft is putting new iron in his trolly road, when this is done he will put on a 30-foot car in place of the small one now running.

Dr. Von Herft of New York city spent several days here last week.

The Kings Daughters gave an elegant birthday supper at their hall last Wednesday evening from 5 to 8 p. m. The money ($60) realized will be donated to the new Congregational church.

Mrs. Geo. A. Shellhoos, after a stay here of about two months, returned to her home in Norwalk, Conn., last Monday night.

About fifty-five hands were at work grading and ditching our streets last Tuesday.

The Stringer building on Railroad street is now completed. Painted orange, trimed in white and is one of the prettiest buildings in town.

Southern Pines has a regular organized village improvement society, whose business is to help beautify the town in every way they can.

A much needed rain has come—a number of our wells had failed.

Mr. Alex Stuart, agent for the Southern Guarantee Loan Company of Atlanta, Ga., was in town Monday soliciting stock. He did exceeding well (considering the McKinley boom.)

Below you will find a few words in mild expression of your correspondent's idea of the McKinley boom.

ITS HERE.

The McKinley boom has struck us
And knocked things quite around
The things we buy got knocked up,
The things we sell knocked down.

They promised ten cent cotton
And half was all we got.
Their promise, I guess, was rotten
And in the boom got broke.

Yes, Billy's boom is a knocker
And hard times got a lick
And knocked them close and harder
Than before this booming trick.

And on still goes the knocking
The poor man gets the blows,
And Billy's crowd is reaping
While the poor man plows and sows.

RAEFORD NOTES.

Raeford Institute has enrolled seventy five pupils since Christmas.

Messrs. C. P. Murphy and R. V. Williford of this county, and Messrs. K. M. McDonald and Walter Deaton of Moore county, are among the new pupils at Raeford Institute.

Mr. J. H. Parker of Selma, N. C., was in town a few days ago prospecting with a view of investing in Raeford property.

Dr. T. L. Northrop and Prof. D. K. McRae of St. Paul's were in town one day last week, they also have an eye to business.

Mr. Alex. Sessoms, of Glenecho, was in town Saturday.

Mr. W. A. Phillips, of Antioch, N. C., was in town Saturday.

The farmers are busy making their liens and "breaking" oxen.

It was pretty windy Saturday and Sunday, but we keep a rock tied to our house.

Items from Adjoining Communities of Bladen and Cumberland Counties and St. Paul's.

Mr. Geo. H. Fisher, of Baxley, Ga., is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Fisher. George is a favorite with our people and all are glad to see him.

Rev. Mr. Horrell filled his appointment at Great Marsh Church last Sunday and preached an able sermon.

Rev. Mr. Vardell, of Red Springs, will preach in the Presbyterian Church here the first Sunday in February.

We are sorry to hear that Dr. Stamps, of Lumber Bridge, was badly hurt by being thrown from his buggy one day last week. His horse ran away.

Miss Flora McGougan is assisting Prof. McRae during the public school term.

Mr. Heman Jones and daughter, of Cumberland, were here last week.

Mr. Calvin McKinnon, of Laurinburg, and Mr. St. John, of Wilmington, were here on the 21st. B.

St. Pauls, Jan. 24, '97.

To the Holy Land.

The Wilmington Star of Saturday morning says:

Miss Martha Williams, daughter of Mr. George Williams, of this city, and Miss Janie Williams, daughter of the late Mr. John D. Williams, of Fayetteville, will accompany Rev. Peyton H. Hoge on his trip to the Holy Land. The party is scheduled to sail from New York February 5th.

Meeting of Phœnix Stockholders—Dividend of 75 per Cent Declared.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Phœnix Cotton Manufacturing Company was held Monday night in the city hall. In view of the fact that the company had been enjoined from selling the delinquent stock, a dividend of 75 per cent was unanimously voted in the following resolution:

Resolved, That a dividend of 75 per cent. be paid on each share of stock held in this Company as of June, 1897, and for the purpose of equalizing the several shares, that the amount due on stock by any stockholder on June, 1897, be deducted from the dividend applicable to his shares of stock.

Resolved, further, That Chas. Haigh, H. Lutterloh, H. R. Horne and Dr. H. W. Lilly be appointed a committee with the Secretary and Treasurer to carry out these resolutions and to make settlement with delinquent and other stockholders, and that they report their acts and doings to an adjourned meeting to be called by the President to the end that the affairs of the Company be finally settled.

Mr. W. Frank Blount.

Mr. W. Frank Blount returned from Chicago Monday, where he has been attending a meeting of the principal representatives of the Kimball Piano Company, called at the instance of that company. We learn that Mr. Blount has been offered a choice of five different territories, all of them good ones. We should hate to lose this clever gentleman from our community, but if he can greatly benefit himself by a change, we will congratulate him upon its acceptance in advance.

After years of untold suffering from piles. B. W. Pursell of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores are readily cured by this famous remedy. King Bros.

A Fable.

The Burlington News has a very sensible contributor who signs his "column" M. He gives us a fable this week, and here it is:

Once in the olden times when might made right one hundred men banded themselves together that they might the better protect themselves and that each might be the gainer by the help of all. These men were in a land that was barren and waste but they knew of a land where there was plenty for all, and they decided to go to this land. Now this land of plenty was already inhabited by a few and these few wanted to keep for themselves all that was in this land, so they built around them a stone wall that was high and very strong and it extended all the way round this land of plenty. Now these hundred men, who had banded themselves together, started for this land of plenty and finally they came to the stone wall and there they stopped for consultation and ninety-eight were for tearing down the stone wall and going straight on to the land of plenty but the other two said not so, let us go round the stone wall. But, said the ninety-eight, what will you have accomplished when you will but be where you have started, and we are going straight on. Then the two went off and said they would work their own way to get to the land of plenty and their way was to get rocks and pile on the wall so that it would be higher and stronger and harder for their brethren to scale. The ninety-eight set to work and worked all day and yet at the evening they were still outside the wall and away from the land of plenty. Then the two came and said, now we will come back and join you but you must let us lead you our way which is around the walls. No said the ninety eight, see, the wall is almost down and all this we have done in one day and another day is coming and then we will finish the work we have done and the land of plenty will be open before us. We know where your way will lead and we will not follow it, but if you will come and join us and help us in the last day's work then you shall be one of us as completely as though you had helped in both days work. Then the two consulted and one of them came and said I will help but the other said I will not come unless the ninety-eight give way and follow me and I will again pile stones upon the wall. And that one was lonely with a great loneliness for he was not one of those who was inside the stone wall and helping to defend it, and he had torn himself away from his brethren and was fighting them by trying to build up the wall they were trying to tear down.

Poor foolish man. He ought to see that the wall is almost down and go join with his brethren.

I told you that I was going to write about liars this week, but I haven't. I was afraid somebody would think I was getting personal and it was too big a subject to tackle in just one column. Instead I have written you a little fiction, a kind of a fable, as it were, and now I make you this offer. The first person sending me the correct guess as to what that fable means, shall have the News for one year free. It really means something and this is not a fake. Address all your answers to "M," care of the news, Burlington, N. C.

Addresses and Articles by Judge Walter Clark

Elizabeth City Economist.]

This pamphlet from the prolific pen of Judge Walter Clark of the Supreme court of North Carolina is a valuable addition to our fugitive literature. The addresses are several in number and the magazine articles and newspaper contributions are like, and all give evidence of industry, literary culture and research. We have read all of them with some care and we find in all of them much to commend. The style is graceful and forcible, the points are well taken, and the illustrations are strictly apposite. Perhaps the best article is the address delivered before the Bar Association of Tennessee, at Nashville in July last. It is full of practical and patriotic suggestions and strikes at the root of evils that have arisen under the development of good government and which, if ever judicious, have outlived their usefulness with the increase of population, and are unsuited to existing political conditions.

Judge Clark is evidently a profound and original thinker and bold in the declarations of his opinions. Some inconsiderate persons have cast upon him the opprobrium of being a demagogue. But we wish there were more demagogues like him in North Carolina. If, being a leader of public sentiment, if forecasting the future by the light of the experience of the past, and calling upon the people to ratify the opinions thus derived, constitute a demagogue, then Zeb Vance was a demagogue, and Wiley P. Mangum, Kenneth Rayner, W. W. Cherry, Wm. B. Shephard, David Outlaw, Wm. A. Graham, Hugh Waddell and George Davis, and then Judge Clark is a demagogue and we honor him the more for his boldness in declaring his opinions in defiance of opposition and obloquy.

The Railroad Election.

The election in Cross Creek and 71st for the purpose of voting a subscription of $10,000 by each township to the proposed Fayetteville and Albemarle railroad is in a fair way of being a fiasco. The public are utterly in the dark on the matter, and those in a position to explain the object of, and benefit to be derived from, the bond issue, are as silent as the voters will be on the 8th of February, from present appearances. It may be of benefit to the city and county, and in some respects would be, but people are not going to vote their money to an enterprise which they know nothing, absolutely nothing of. If the subscription were authorized, how is it to be paid, in advance, or after the road is completed or when? What recognition will the county get for the subscription?

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LATEST NEWS

The President Saturday, nominated Governor John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, to be Attorney General.——The Japanese cruiser Chitose was successfully launched from the Union Iron Works yard at San Francisco, Saturday.——Senator Cannon, has introduced a bill providing for the publication of the pension roll by January, 1st, 1899, and thereafter, as Congress may direct.——Rev. Leslie Cook, who has been confined in Roanoke, Va., jail, under an indictment for forgery, sawed out Friday night and made good his escape.——Charles Kilpatrick, the American runner, beat Geo. Tincler, the Irish runner, at Rochester, Eng, in a half mile race, the first of a series of contests between them.——Rev. T. de Witt Talmage, the noted divine of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Elenore McCutcheon Collier, of Allegheny City, were united in marriage Saturday, at the McCutcheon residence in Pittsburg, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. J. Robinson, D. D., pastor of the First United Presbyterian church.——Governor Russell will appoint Martin as solicitor, vice Bernard, appointed federal district attorney.——In the executive session of the senate there was vigorous opposition to the confirmation of General Longstreet as railroad commissioner; he was confirmed.——The strike at New England cotton mills remains unchanged.——In the French chamber of deputies the wildest scenes are witnessed ending a free fight brought on by the government's refusal to give information as to the Dreyfus case on an enterpellation from a socialist.——While complications in the far east may develop a situation calling for a war, European diplomats do not expect such an outcome; the greatest danger to the peace of Europe is Japan.——The daughter of the late crown prince of Austria is to wed the young king of Spain.

The State Normal and Industrial school gets $500 from the Peabody fund.——Buncombe county raises $1,150 by private subscription for the public schools, which amount the State will duplicate.——The railway commission summons Vice President Andrews before it today to tell what state and federal judges have free passes; the commission also takes further steps in the matter of reduced freight rates for Otho Wilson to Round Knob.——The hearing of the question of reducing passenger rates on the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line is postponed until Thursday.——The governor grants another respite of thirty days to John Evans; at the end of that time he will hang if the people of Rockingham insist on it.——The president yesterday held a consultation with Secretary Long, Assistant Secretary Day, Attorney General McKenna and General Miles, after which an order was sent to Admiral Sicard, of the North Atlantic squadron at Key West, to send the battleship Maine to Havana; the squadron had left Key West for Tortugas; at 6 o'clock last night the Dupont left the former for the latter place with the dispatches.——Havana dispatches received at Key West say extra guards have been placed around General Lee's office for protection, that circulars were distributed around Havana calling for volunteers to guard the American colony.——In the senatorial fight in the Maryland legislature the fight is squarely on between Baltimore and "Eastern Shore" republicans against those of the west; the democrats, it is said, are ready to make a coalition with the bolters and elect a republican.——The president appoints C. H. Duell, of Syracuse, N. Y., as commissioner of patents.——In Kentucky two men are killed and a third mortally wounded in a fight over a game of poker.——The report that American warships have been ordered to Havana causes much excitement in Madrid; one newspaper says it is evidence of the Yankees' intention to grab Cuba.

The railway commission had a busy session yesterday; the chief business was the argument in the Andrews contempt case; the commission postponed its decision until Thursday; Cook, who "represented the people and the commission," urged the commission to find him guilty and impose the extreme penalty.——Nineteen survivors of the alleged filibuster steamer Tiller, lost off Barnegat are rescued by a coasting steamer; four of the crew were drowned; the steamer was scuttled; Captain O'Brien was among those saved.——A British syndicate will erect a million dollar steel plant at Birmingham, Ala.——McComas is elected senator by the Maryland legislature; four of the "eleven" held out against him.——Several cases of smallpox are reported from Wise county, Virginia.——President Dole, of Hawaii, enters and leaves Chicago amidst a fierce blizzard.——The anti Hebrew riots continue at Algiers; eighty of the rioters have been sentenced to imprisonment.——The Spanish authorities give out the news of the destruction of several Cuban camps and the rout of the forces.

IN OLDEN TIMES

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action; but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently overcome habitual constipation, well informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system. Buy the genuine, made by the California Fig Syrup Co.

Medical men say rheumatism is the forerunner of heart disease. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures rheumatism by its action on the blood.

Weak Lungs

If you have coughed and coughed until the lining membrane of your throat and lungs is inflamed,

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of Cod-liver Oil will soothe, strengthen and probably cure. The cod-liver oil feeds and strengthens the weakened tissues. The glycerine soothes and heals them. The hypophosphites of lime and soda impart tone and vigor. Don't neglect these coughs. One bottle of the Emulsion may do more for you now than ten can do later on. Be sure you get SCOTT'S Emulsion.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., JAN. 27, 1898

We desire a live agent and correspondent at every postoffice in Cumberland and adjoining counties.

Correspondence on all subjects of local and general interest and opinions upon matters public of concern, are invited

The editor will not be responsible for the veiws or statements of correspondents—and reserves the right at all times to revise or correct any article he may think requires it.

One side, only, of the paper must be written on—and the real name of the writer accompany the contribution. No attention will be paid to anonymous letters.

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New Deputy Marshals.

Marshal Dockery Friday appointed A. F. Surles, of Dunn, and Richard B. Blackledge, of Newborn, deputy Marshals.

St. John's Change Denied.

Vice President St. John's private secretary denies that the former is to leave the Seaboard system to go to the Union Pacific.

The Dispensary Case.

In reply to numerous inquiries on the subject we will state that the dispensary case is still before the supreme court, undecided.

31,000 Glasses.

Friday we reported a druggist who sold 18,000 glasses of coco cola during the past year, but this is not in it, according to a statement of another druggist, who reports having sold 31,000 glasses.

Big Fire at Aberdeen.

Thursday evening the plant of the Aberdeen Lumber Company was destroyed by fire. The loss is $25,000. There was no insurance. The owners are Pennsylvania people. Eighty men are thrown out of employment and the mills will not be rebult.

False Rumor.

It was rumored on the streets Tuesday, and created quite a stir for awhile, that Consul General Lee, had been assassinated in Havana. The OBSERVER at ounce telegraphed to Washington, and received an immediate denial of the report.

Police News.

Pem Nelson was committed to jail Monday afternoon by the Mayor in default of payment of court costs.

Sam Walker, colored, was arrested Tuesday, tried before Mayor Cook and bound over to the Superior court. He was charged with assaulting his mother by knocking her down, and attacking his father with a knife at their residence in north-east Fayetteville early this morning.

Bicyclist Petition.

A petition is being circulated for the signature of bicyclists, requesting the Board of Aldermen to grant permission to use the sidewalks between C. F. & Y. V. crossing and Remsburg's and armory corners respectively. The petition sets forth that it is impossible at times to use the road on account of blockades by vehicles.

The Fayetteville Wooden-Ware Co.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fayetteville Wooden-Ware Company last night the following directors were elected: J. W. McNeill, W. S. Cook, H. W. Lilly, J. H. Marsh, G. A. Overbaugh, J. W. Hollingsworth and J. P. Thomson.

The reports of the officers showed the company to be on a good business basis, with a well developed territory extending south as far as Texas.

General News of Interest.

Zeb Vance Walser, the attorney general of North Carolina is to be hauled before the railroad commission and asked to explain why he carries a Southern railroad pass. Walser is supposed to be the prosecuting attorney in the free pass matter as in all other state matters, yet he admits he is travelling on a Southern railroad pass as local attorney for that corporation.

"Only Second Class Hotel in the World."

Mooresville has a curiosity in the shape of a "second class hotel." The letter head (we have one before us as we write) reads:

Goodman House,
Mooresville, N. C.,
W. W. Robinson, Proprietor.
Only Second Class Hotel in the World.
Cash Prices to Saints and Sinners,
A Rack Under The Table To Support Your Feet While You Pull At The Steak.
Tooth Picks Free. Come On Boys.

Children and adults tortured by burns, scalds, injuries, eczema or skin diseases may secure instant relief by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is the great Pile remedy. King Bros.

Another Death From Ashley Junction Disaster.

Another death resulted from the Ashley Junction collison, which we have not seen recorded heretofore, that of a negro porter on the "Florida special," name John Sellars, who was in the baggage car, which was completely wrecked. Sellars died the morning following the disaster. Only three deaths have resulted so far, and the two engineers are in a fair way to recover.

We are anxious to do a little good in this world and can think of no pleasanter or better way to do it than by recommending One Minute Cough Cure as a preventive of pneumonia consumption and other serious lung troubles that follow neglected colds. KING BROS.

People and Their Movements.

Mrs. R. W. Fischer has returned from a visit to her old home in Virginia.

Mrs. W. J. McDiarmid, has returned from Orton, where she has been the guest of Col. Murchison.

Mrs. JNO. GARRASON has returned home from her extended visit to Texarkana and other southern cities.

Miss Alice Monger, of Sanford, is on a visit to Mrs. Jessup on Cool Spring street.

Mr. D. C. Downing, of Buckhorn, leaves tomorrow for Louisiana, where he will travel, sub letting mail routes.

Mr. James Cameron, of Spout Springs, an old OBSERVER subscriber, was a welcome visitor in the city Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Pearce, Mrs. Southerland and Mrs. Shaw, who have been visiting here for sometime, returned to Mobile, Ala., this Monday via Greensboro.

We are sorry to hear that Capt. Archie Williams and family will move this week in the country, down to Gray's Creek, but sincerely hope his health, which has been so poor all the winter, may improve.

Misses Janie McDiarmid and Janie Fairley, are visiting Mrs. W. J. Mc Diarmid.

Mrs. Geo. Harris, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. E. H. Jennings, on Gillespie street.

Ex Sheriff Hector McNeill, of Ardlussan, is a most welcome visitor in town today.

Mr. Jno. K. Williams, of Wilmington, and Mr. Sam B. Waters, of Newbern, are two well known young men in the city today.

Mrs. Annie Remsburg, mother of Messrs. E. L. and C. C. Remsburg, left yesterday for Washington, D. C., where she will visit for a week or ten days before returning to her home in Middletown, Md.

THE MID-WINTER FAIR.

The Armory Already Presents a Beautiful Sight.

If one desires to obtain some idea of the magnitude of the approaching Mid-Winter Fair, just peep into the armory and see how our noble women have transformed that great big building.

It is already beautiful and by today it will be magnificent. On the east side of the building are the booths of Germany, France, Ireland and Japan; on the west side, China, Scotland, Russia and Itay, (the latter containing an imitation of Mt. Vesuvius) on the north end, facing the handsomely fixed stage, is England and in the centre of the building is the United States, as large again as any of the rest.

The decorations of each booth are characteristic of the country represented, with some pronounced national feature prominently and ingeniously wrought.

The Mid-Winter Fair, or the Meeting of the Nations, is going to be a great success.

It should attract people from within a hundred miles and more of Fayetteville.

The North State Improvement Co.

Judge Simonton will not permit the North State Improvement Company to sell its rolling stock to Receiver Gill at present. The Wilmington Star of yesterday says:

Judge Charles H. Simonton of Charleston has filed with Mr. W. H. Shaw, Clerk of the United States Circuit Court, an order denying a petition made by Jno. W. Fries of Winston, receiver of the North State Improvement Company, asking to be allowed to sell the rolling stock of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad to John Gill, receiver. The main ground upon which the petition was refused was that the North State Improvement Company was under contract to allow the road to use the rolling stock for a certain length of time, and that time had not yet expired.

A "Yankee Prisoner" Wants to Find "Master Brown."

Mr. Gaster has received the following letter which we take pleasure in publishing, as the "Master Brown" spoken of was no doubt a resident of this section of the State.

ALTOONA, PA., Jan. 19, 1898.—Postmaster, Fayetteville, North Carolina. Dear Sir: During the late war I was a Yankee prisoner of war and with two other comrades made our escape from Charlotte, N. C., and on our way we stopded with a family by the the name of Brown in the Sand Hills of North Carolina; they called the old man Master Brown. I am anxious to known if he or any of his family is still living. I will thank you in advance for any information you can give me in the matter.

Yours Truly,
H. B. HUFF.

University Baseball Team.

The following schedule of games has been arranged for the coming season by the University baseball team. The 'Varsity team will be an unusually strong one it is said:

Mar. 12; Bingham School at C. Hill.
" 19; Oak Ridge Inst. at do
" 23; Trinity College at do
" 25; Wake Forest Col. at do
April 2; Wake Forest College at Wake Forest.
" 5; LaFayette College at C. Hill.
" 6; " " " "
" 11; John Hopkins University at Winston.
" 12; University of Pennsylvania at Winston.
" 13; University of Virginia at Charlottesville.
" 16; Harvard University at C. Hill.
" 20; Oak Ridge Institute at C. Hill,
" 23, University of Virginia at do.
" 27; Trinity College at Durham.
" 29; Wake Forest College at Chapel Hill.
May 7; University of Virginia at Danville, Va.
June 1; Alumni at Chapel Hill.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. King Bros.

Fire at Holt's Factory.

There was great excitement in the city Tuesday, when the fire alarm rang out, accompanied by the report that the big Holt Morgan mill, on Massey's Hill, was on fire. The hose wagon, with a number of firemen, dashed off soon afterwards, and, notwithstanding the heavy rain falling at the time, was followed by a number of people in buggies and on horseback. When the fire department reached the scene the fire had been extinguished, however, by the splendid fire apparatus of the factory.

Shortly before noon fire broke out in the "picker room," which is divided from the main building by an iron wall. As soon as discovered, the big iron doors connecting the room with the factory proper, were closed, and the room flooded from the ceiling by automatic extinguishers. In a few minutes the floor was ankle deep in water and all danger was over.

The picker room is where the cotton undergoes a cleaning process before it goes to the carding machines, and in this room were a number of bales of cotton, besides the loose staple in the machines.

The loss is not considerable, damage by water being the principal item. The fire originated from friction of machinery igniting the cotton.

The fire arrangements at this superbly equipped factory are so perfect that it is almost absolutely fire proof

A Brutal Act.

Messrs. Chas. Haigh, Jr., and A. H. Slocomb, Jr., returned from Latta, S. C., Friday morning, both sad and mad.

They went to Latta Sunday, to be the guest of Mr. Lacy Rankin and shoot quail. While on their way to the fields Thursday, each with his own dog—fine animals, high bred and much loved by their owners—the poor creatures, after madly rushing to a pool of water which they had caught sight of, fell dead of strychnine poisoning. They learned on investigation that a farmer in the neighborhood had placed poisoned meat on a bridge the party had to cross, though they were not going on his land. This man should be severely thrashed.

New Federal Officers.

It is expected that the new district attorney, Claude M. Bernard, will take charge next week. Mr. C. B. Aycock has held the position four years and four months.

The office of Internal Revenue Collector will be transferred to Mr. E. C. Duncan, before the beginning of business, February 1st.

Circular letters have also been sent by the Collector to all the division deputies, storekeepers and gaugers in the district, directing them to have their reports in promptly January 31st.

A Blue Case.

Geo. W. Blue was arrested in Quewhiffle Monday charged with larceny of a cow from Jacob Blue, Sr.

He was brought to this city yesterday afternoon for commitment to jail, strapped to the seat of a two horse carriage, and guarded by two men named Blue, and the witnesses named in the case are: Jacob Blue, T. L. Blue, John Blue and George Washington Blue. All the above are negroes. The only person who wasn't Blue in the case was Mr. J. H. Currie, the magistrate before whom the case was tried.

From this it will be seen that Quewhiffle has nearly as many black Blues as 71st has white Blues.

Mid-Winter Fair Notes.

The Mid-Winter Fair opens with superb weather; a fairer day than Tuesday one can hardly imagine.

The Armory has the appearence of a fairy town, with its booths of different nationalities—Germany, Italy, Ireland, Japan, China, Russia, Scotland, France, England and the United States—brilliant with drapery and buried in foliage, each with exquisite designs emblematic of the nation represented, and tended by beautiful women eager to dispose of their dainty wares, to the throngs of admiring visitors to this lovely village.

Success to the Mid-Winter Fair, and prosperity and a continued long life to the Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry.

River News.

Tuesday's rain fall, 1.55 inches, caused only a slight rise in the Cape Fear, the guage registering at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, 5½ feet.

What pleasure is there in life with a headache, constipation and biliousness? Thousands experience them who could become perfectly healthy by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. King Bros.

Total Rainfall for 1897.

The total amount of rain that fell in this city during the year 1897 was 46 51 inches distributed as follows: January, 1.31; February, 3.63, March, 4.5; April, 2.77; May, 5.86; June, 2.94; July, 11.39; August, 5.41; September, 1.42; Ootober, 2.17; November 3.43; December, 2.13.

January was the dryest month and July the wettest.

The above figures are from the Government agent at this station, Mr. Frank Glover.

$100 Reward $100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure Send for list of testimonials.

Address, F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

Sold by druggists, 75.

Underwood-Kyle.

Mr. John Underwood and Miss Annie Montgomery Kyle were united in marriage at noon yesterday, in St. John's Episcopal church, by the rector, Rev. Isaac W. Hughes.

When the bride, dressed in a handsome brown travelling gown and carrying a large bunch of American beauty roses, entered on the arm of her father, Capt. W. E. Kyle, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Williamson, and preceded by the ushers, Messrs: H. W. Lilly, Lawrence Williamson, James Kyle, Robert Williams, A. J. Cook, Leighton Huske, Marsden Haigh and Arthur Williams, the church was crowded with friends of the young couple, eager to attest their friendship and express their good wishes. Awaiting the bride at the exquisitely decorated altar was the groom with his best man and brother, Mr. Geo. B. Underwood.

The beautiful marriage ceremony of the church was then impressively performed; after which the bride and groom drove immediately to the Coast Line depot, where they took the 12:13 train for a northern trip.

Mr. Underwood is a popular young business man of this city, and to him and his lovely and accomplished bride we tender our hearty congratulations.

William Huske, the Barber, Absconds.

William Huske, the well known barber, left the city and a number of creditors Tuesday night unexpectedly.

When Robt. Jackson, Huske's chief assistant, arrived at the shop this morning he was astonished to find that the place had been looted of several chairs, a dressing case, a stove and various tonsorial implements, scissors, razors, etc.; some of the latter belonging to himself. He sent for Huske and it was upon the return of the messenger that he learned of his flight.

It now develops that the barber was treasurer of the Royal Knights of King David, of which Augustus Wilkins i Worthy Master, and that for some time the order has been pressing him for a settlement. The funds of the order in his hands amount to only $14.84, but this, coupled with the fact that numerous other creditors were pressing him, probably accounts for his sudden departure.

Huske had established a good business in the People's Bank building and had the good will of his customers, who will be surprised to learn of his conduct.

Meantime the business is in charge of Robt. Jackson a capable and well thought of young man.

The C. F. & Y. V.

The Raleigh News and Observer of yesterday morning says:

It is learned on good authority that the sale of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad to the Seaboard Air-Line will be consummated within the next few days. The decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals, in favor of the Baltimore plan, will be handed down when that court meets on the first Monday in February.

The Seaboard Air-Line system is now making preparations to take possession of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road at an early date.

Before the Railroad Commission yesterday the union depot at Maxton was discussed. As the erection of a union depot at Maxton by the Seaboard and Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley has been delayed on account of the contemplated sale of the latter road to the former, it was decided by the Commission to further extend the time till the sale of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad is finally determined.

At the Opera House.

The Polk Miller, Oscar Sisson, Ester Wallace combination played to a large audience at the Opera House Friday night.

Polk Miller, who has been seen here before, as have also Mr. Sisson and Miss Wallace, was not quite up to the standard he set when touring alone, but still his sketches of negro life before the war, and his songs and banjo pickings were much enjoyed, especially so by those who had never heard him before.

We think Mr. Miller's impersonation, in make up and manner, of an old plantation darky, was a failure however, as was certainly the way in which it was presented.

Mr. Sisson, once such a favorite here, has lost some of his grip, but not so with Ester Wallace, who is just as pretty and graceful as ever.

Miss Eliza Hill Robeson won the prize for the child who would make the most words out of "Polk Miller."

Officers of Wooden-Ware Co.

The new board of directors of the Fayetteville Wooden-Ware Company met Tuesday and elected the following officers: President, J. W. Hollingsworth; manager, C. L. Taylor, and travelling representative, Stebbins Prior.

A HOUSEHOLD REMEDY.

And it never fails to cure Rheumatism, Catarrh, Pimples, Blotches, and all diseases arising from impure blood, is Botanic Blood Balm, (B. B. B.) Thousands endorse it as the best remedy ever offered to mankind. The thousands of cures performed by this remedy are almost miraculous. Try it, only $1. 00 per large bottle.

A PHYSICIAN'S EVIDENCE—AN HONEST DOCTOR.

Although a practitioner of near twenty years, my mother influenced me to procure Botanic Blood Balm, (B. B. B.), for her. She had been confined to her bed several months with Rheumatism, which had stubbornly resisted all the usual remedies. Within twenty four hours after commencing B. B. B., I observed marked relief. She has just commenced her third bottle, and is nearly as active as ever, and has been in the front yard with "rake in hand," cleaning up. Her improvement is truly wonderful and immensely gratifying.

C. H. MONTGOMERY, M. D.,
Jacksonville, Ala

For sale by Druggists.

Don't annoy others by your coughing, and risk your life by neglecting a cold. One Minute Cough Cure cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe and all throat and lung troubles. King Bros.

Graded School Report.

To the Trustees of the Graded School:

GENTLEMEN:—Herewith I have the honor to submit my report of fourth month of the current scholastic year of the Fayetteville Graded School:

Pupils on rolls at beginning of month,	203
Pupils entered during month,	11
Pupils (total for month),	214
Boys during month,	103
Girls during month,	111
Average attendance,	166
Per cent. attendance,	.78

Following is the

ROOL OF HONOR.

Girls—Fannie Ward, Pearle McClellan, Hattie Lee Atkinson, Lizzie Adams, Ellen Brandt, Nan Fisher, Myra Bell, Stella Bell, Sarah Woodall, Dixie Poe, Emma Solomon, Caroline Bramble, Louise Huske, Katie Lamb, Lida White, Vara Barden, Josie Poe, Lucy McClennan, Louise Calder, Minnie Solomon, Hattie Owen, Edna Sedberry, Salie Ward, Lila Branch, Margaret Lamb, Katie Sinclair, Dell Boone, Rebecca Solomon, Marie Thornton, Bessie Newberry, Mamie Malloy.

Boys—Vernon Maultsby, Ben Ward, Jim Ward, Paul Taylor, Louis Fitzell, George Davis, Addison Lambeth, Connor Holland, James Maultsby, John Atkinson, John Adams, Lenox Bramble, Martin Graddy, Alonzo Jones, Willie Fitzell, Geo. Johnson, Walter Lambeth, John Davis, Edwin Maultsby, Louis Fisher, David Tillinghast, Duncan MacRae, Albert Prior, Nat. Venable, Reid Crawford, Coy Anderson, Roy Manning.

The semi annual examination of the school with generally very satisfactory results. The following received 100 on examination:

Arithmetic—Connor Holland, Addison Lambeth, Florence Hocut.

Reading—Myra Bell, Ida Bell Calais, Nellie Davis, Nan Fisher, James Jones, Robt. Lamb, James Taylor, Caroline Bramble, Jean Pemberton, Mary Hinsdale Slocomb.

Spelling—Percy Thomas, Vara Barden, Barbara Humphrey, Jean Pemberton, Mary Hinsdale Slocomb, Dixie Poe, Nellie Davis, Bessie Johnson.

Geography—Lizzie Adams, Nellie Davis, Sadie Gardner, Dixie Poe, Bessie Johnson, Mary Weldon Huske, Fletcher Sedberry. Caroline Bramble.

Grammar—Ellen Brandt, Nan Fisher, Mary Weldon Huske, James Taylor, Percy Thomas, Caroline Bramble, Mary Hinsdale Slocomb, Florence Hocut, Sara May Hocut, Mallie Boone.

U. S. History—Della Amos, Myra Bell, Maggie Carson, Nan Fisher, Bessie Johnson, Dixie Poe, Annie Sedberry, Charlotte Holland, Connor Holland, James Maultsby, Fletcher Sedberry, John Atkinson, James Taylor, Mary Hinsdale Slocomb.

Physiology—Laura Allen, Hattie Atkinson, Mary Weldon Huske, Bessie Johnson, Emma Solomon.

The following received the marks opposite their names:

Arithmetic—Mary Weldon Huske, 99.4; Caroline Bramble, 97; Sara May Hocutt, 97.

Reading—Mary Weldon Huske, 99.9; Bessie Johnson, 99; Dixie Poe, 99; Percy Thomas, 99; Ellen Brandt, 98; Laura Allen, 98; Sadie Gardner, 98; Emma Solomon, 98; Amanda Amos, 98; Charles Goddard, 98; Stella Bell, 97; Sarah Woodall, 97; Mac Davis, 97; Roddie Murchison, 97; Fletcher Sedberry, 97.

Spelling—Ernest Williams, 97.

Geography—Elleu Brandt, 99; Addison Lambeth, 98; Hattie Atkinson, 97; Mary Slocomb, 97

Grammar—Charlotte Holland, 98; Bessie Johnson, 97; Barbary Humphrey, 98.

History—Sarah Woodall, 99, Laura Allen, 98; Lizzie Adams, 98; Nellie Davis, 98; Julia Woodall, 98; Emma Solomon, 98; Louis Fitzell, 98; Roddie Murchison, 98; Charles Goddard, 98; Jean Pemberton, 97.

Physiology—Connor Holland, 99; Nan Fisher, 98; Dixie Poe, 98; Annie Sedberry, 98; Sarah Woodall, 98; Lizzie Adams, 97; Nellie Davis, 97; Charlotte Holland, 97.

Respectfully,
MISS P. H. MATTHEWS.

Jan. 20, 1898.

What Advertising Is.

Advertising may be done in a thousand ways. Any method which tells anybody about anything is advertising. Advertising is anything which conveys a message about a business or a product.

If a man opens a store and tells his friends about it, he is advertising the store.

If he prints his announcement on cards and hands them to the passerby, he is advertising the store.

If he puts his sign above the door, or goods in the window, he is advertising the store.

If he makes a hundred duplicates of his sign and nails them on fences or dead walls where people can see them, he is advertising.

If he joins a church or a club, or a secret society, his name and his business will become known, and he will still be advertising.

If he causes his sign or his card to be reproduced and printed in a newspaper, he is doing the same thing that he did when he tacked the sign on the fence or handed the card to the passerby. He is putting his sing into the house of every reader of that paper.

This hypothetical man is a retail dealer. He is in direct contact with the people to whom he seeks to convey the news of his enterprise. The principle is exactly the same with the maker or handler of goods that are to have a more than local sale.

Of all the ways of advertising, the best, most certain and cheapest is that of using the columns of a good newspaper. Intelligent people with money to spend always read the paper.—Press and Printer.

Looks Bright for "Chris."

E. C. Duncan, the new revenue collector. said to a Raleigh Post representative:

"Yes," "I am going to recognize the Populists in my appointments. I cau't say now what offices will be given the members of that party."

The Post says:

Yesterday a number of the stalwarts were on hand ready to greet him. Among these were:

Robert Lewis, of Halifax, who wants to be deputy collector.

Sheriff Moore, of Franklin, who hankers after the same variety of pie.

Lloyd, of Orange, who is making a hot chase for the aforesaid quality of pie.

C. C. McClelland, a Populist from Wayne (Cumberland), who expects to be remembered when the deputy collectorships are distributed.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to Cure. 25c.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

A. B. WILLIAMS,
COTTON BUYER,
HAY STREET,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

FAYETTEVILLE MARKETS

COTTON.

Middling,	5½
Good Middling,	5¾
Tinges and Stains,	
Market—weak.	

NAVAL STORES.

Spirits,	28c
Common Rosin,	80
Virgin,	1 80
Yellow Dip,	1 60

PRODUCE

REPORTED DAILY BY A. S. HUSKE, GROCER.

Extra Flour—sack,	$210@ 240
Family Flour—sack,	275 a 300
Hides—dry—per lb.	5@8
" —green—per lb.	@3½
Wool—washed	6@20
Bacon—hog round per lb—	9@10
" —ham	10@13
" —sides	9@10
" —shoulders	8@8½
Oats—32 lbs per bushel	38@40
Peas—clay	55a60
" —mixed	60
Meal—bolted—44 lbs per bushel	45@55
" —unbolted—48 lbs per bushel	50@50
Corn—old—56 lbs per bushel	50
Onions—select—per bushel	75@90
Lard—N. C.	8@8½
Tallow	2½@4
Ducks	18@20
Hens—per head	25
Roosters—per head	15 a 20
Turkeys—per lb	7 a 8½
Guineas	16
Geese	25 a 35
Butter—choice yellow	25 a 30
Honey—strained—per lb	9 a 10
" —comb—per lb	8 a 13
Eggs—hen—	10c
Feathers—new	35 a 40

The rich man's whiskey is HARPER because it is supremely delicious. The poor man's whiskey is HARPER, because such good whiskey helps him. The family whiskey is HARPER, because it's pure, pleasant and strengthening.
SOLD IN
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Horses and Mules.

We have ten (10) valuable Horses and Mules that we offer cheap for cash or on time with good security.
A. E. RANKIN CO.

Dec. 22, 2897. 2td-6tw

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Fayetteville Post Office Unclaimed Jan'y 24, 1898.

A—D. H. Armstrong.
B—Tribue Barksdale, W. A. Baggett, J. J. Beard 2, Mrs. Eliza Bogan.
E—Noah Elliott, Miss Hayley Evans.
F—Ed Farrer.
H—Delia Herrington, Miss Lilie Hering, Will Horner, J. L. Horne, Chas. Hodges, Thos Haffey.
J—Walter Jackson, Will. Jones.
L—W. H. Lack, Miss Minie Locklayer, Miss Dorie Lanier.
N—Miss Aleice Nidler.
M—R. L. Moris, Miss Maggie Monroe, Miss Margaret Masten.
Mc—John McArthur, W. J. McDaniel, Isaac McKellar, Mrs. Lizer McGuire, Joseph McBryde, J. McParlin, W. J. McDaniel, Mrs. Melissa McLaurin.
P—C. C. Page, Miss Jannie Parl.
R—Mrs. Laura P. Ray.
S—R. A. Smith, Mrs. Sidney Smith, Mrs. Charles Simmons, W. D. Stephenson, F. E. Smith, Marian Spencer, Miss Leaner Spearman, Col. Sharp, Mrs. Martha Smith.
T—C. A. Taylor.
W—W. A. Walker, Evander Walker, Josie Wicker, Augusta Williams, G. T. Walker.

Persons calling for any of above letters please say advertised.
W. D. GASTER, P. M.

Those Dreadful Sores

They Continued to Spread in Spite of Treatment but Now They are Healed—A Wonderful Work.

"For many years I have been a great sufferer with varicose veins on one of my limbs. My foot and limb became dreadfully swollen. When I stood up I could feel the blood rushing down the veins of this limb. One day I accidentally hit my foot against some object and a sore broke out which continued to spread and was exceedingly painful. I concluded I needed a blood purifier and I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla. In a short time those dreadful sores which had caused me so much suffering, began to heal. I kept on faithfully with Hood's Sarsaparilla, and in a short time my limb was completely healed and the sores gave me no more pain. I cannot be too thankful for the wonderful work Hood's Sarsaparilla, has done for me." MRS. A. E. GILSON, Hartland, Vermont.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

30 inch Resawing with all the latest improvements.

A FEW OF MY LEADING MACHINES

Rapid Feed Double Surfacer, working 3 1-4x14 inches. Shipping weight, 6,000 lbs.

J. A. VANCE IRON WORKS,
Write for Circular. SALEM, N. C.

Improved Circular Saw Mill, built in various lengths to 60 feet.

Dunn Hardware and Furniture Company,
DUNN. N. C.

The Cheapest Place to buy Your Hardware and Furniture

We have just bought a BANKRUPT STOCK and have bargains to offer. Will give you just a few below to let you know that we mean business.

250 Boy Dixie Plows at 88c.
100 No. 7 OK Cook Stoves $7.00.
500 Kegs of Nails $1.70.

We carry a complete line of Rubber and Leather Belting, Asbestos, Guns, Soapstones. Toe Packing, Mill and Engine supplies, and will sell you for less money than you can buy South of Dixon Line.

Give us a chance and you will be our customer.

Dunn Hardware and Furniture Company
HALLIDAY & PRIVETT.

Buist's Pictorial Brand
Garden Seeds in Packets.

THEIR BEAUTIFUL APPEARANCE, together with the established reputation of Buist's Seeds for their fine quality, has made this brand very popular. THEY SELL THEMSELVES. They are without exception, the most elegant and attractive Seeds in Packets in the trade, and what is still more valuable is that the seeds they contain grow and produce vegetables of the very finest quality.

Price This Season, 5c. Packet or 6 for 25c.

Buist's Garden Seeds are so well known for their Great Purity and Fine Quality, that it requires no talkiug or persuading to sell them—this is especially the case with their Pictorial Brand.

KING BROS, Hotel LaFayette,
Fayetteville, N. C.

A DOGGED SENSE OF SUPERRIORITY

in our laundry methods makes us say that we can launder a shirt, cuff or collar to your satisfaction better than any other laundry in town. We have never yet failed to please in color, finish or effect, and know that we can cater to the most particular taste.

LEDBETTER BROS.

'Phone 42.

For Rent or Sale.

A Recently errected RESIDENCE on Haymount.

APPLY TO
F. R. ROSE.

D 6t. W 4t.

Fresh Garden Seeds,
—FROM—
T. W. Wood & Sons,
RICHMOND.

This firm supplied the U. S. Government with the seed which proved so satisfactory in this vicinity last year. They are thoroughly reliable and are grown with special reference to adaptability to the soil and climate of the South.
H. R. HORNE.

Jan'y 24, 1878.

NOTICE.

On and after February 1st. my business will be conducted on a strictly cash basis. All orders must be accompanied by one-half of the amount in cash, balance when the work is completed. Respectfully,
E. L. REMSBURG.

d 1t, w 1t.

Dr. M. SUGARMAN,

Eye Specialist of New York, will be at the LaFayette Hotel, Fayetteville, N. C., this week only. Any weakness of the eyes, defective vision and headache resulting thereof releived by perfectly fitting glasses.

Consultation free.
Office hours from 1 to 4 p. M.

New Mattings,
New Mattings,
New Mattings,
New Rugs,
New Rugs,
New Rugs,
—AT.—
THE BIG STORE.

Entire Stock of Jackets at cost to close out.

Frank Thornton Dry Goods Co.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

THE BUCK STOVE and Range Co.

say that they make "the Best Stoves and Ranges on Earth."

We say that they are "the BEST WE EVER SAW."

Look at the newspapers from other towns and see what reliable papers say about them. See what People Who Use Them say.

On 13th April, 1897, we sent out the following letter:

"DEAR SIR:—Sometime ago you bought a Buck stove from us. Will you kindly state below whether it is giving satisfaction and whether you are pleased with it or not. Yours truly,
HUSKE HARDWARE HOUSE."

REPLIES FROM CUMBERLAND.

The Buck stove is giving entire satisfaction. Does the best cooking with the least wood of any stove I ever saw.
G. F. WHEELER.

The stove gives entire satisfaction.
MRS. W. S. COOK.

The stove gives perfect satisfaction.
N. CASHWELL.

I have been using the Buck stove for more than a year and it gives entire satisfaction.
J. K. SESSOMS.

We are very much pleased indeed with our Buck stove, and consider it the very best stove we have ever used, as it gives entire satisfaction.
C. J. HEDGPETH.

For longer list of testimonials see our handbills.

HUSKE HARDWARE HOUSE.

Your orders for
FLOORING AND CEILING
for my planing mill will have prompt attention if left at my Hardware Store.
Walter Watson.

THE ÆTNA
Is the Strongest American Fire Insurance Co.

Has been doing business continuously since 1819.
Her Reputation is the best to-day
Over Ten Million Dollars Assets.
Take out a policy on your property
B. R. HUSKE, Agent

New Secret Remedy Absolutely Unknown to the profession. Permanent Cures in 15 to 35 days. We refund money if we do not cure. You can be treated at home for the same price and the same guarantee, with those who prefer to come here we will contract to cure them or pay expense of coming, and railroad and hotel bills, and Make no Charge, if we fail to cure. If you have taken mercury, Iodide potash and still have aches and pains, Mucus Patches in mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper-Colored Spots, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, it is this Form of Secondary or Tertiary Blood Poison that we guarantee to cure. We solicit the most obstinate cases and challenge the world for a case we cannot cure. This disease has always baffled the skill of the most eminent physicians. For many years we have made a specialty of treating this disease with our CYPHILENE and we have $500,000 capital behind our unconditional guarantee. Write us for 100-page book and absolute proofs. Address COOK REMEDY CO., 479 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Illinois.

BLOOD POISON

Secret of Beauty

is health. The secret of health is the power to digest and assimilate a proper quanity of food. This can never be done when the liver does not act it's part.

Do you know this?

Tutt's Liver Pills are an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, torpid liver, piles, jaundice, bilious fever, biliousness and kindred diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

Harvey Lambeth Hurt.

We find the following in a Greensboro exchange:

Harvey Lambeth, instructor in the gymnasium of Oak Ridge Institute, and an athlete of some prominence, fell last week and broke his collar bone. He was treated by Dr. Michaux of this city Saturday.

Dr. Stamps Injured.

Dr. Thomas Stamps, of Lumber Bridge, was badly hurt in a runaway in the early part of last week. He was thrown out of his buggy and was unconscious for some time. He is able to be about now, but at first it was thought that he was seriously hurt. This we learn through Capt. S. J. Cobb, who made the OBSERVER a pleasant call today.

Republican Pie Hunters in Raleigh.

Register of Deeds A. L. McCaskill went up to Raleigh Thursday in the interest of Populist chairman, C. C. McClellan, who wants the deputy collectorship. There is a Republican applicant for this position, Mr. S. C. Godwin, but the fusion machine in this county is for the Populist and McClellan is likely to get it. Mr. McClellan has been in Raleigh a week or more.

Some say that Mr. Godwin is ahead in the race so far.

The Populist politicians are hot after federal patronage, but in all instances, so far, they have been ignored. A. J. Dalby, Populist of Granville, and Dr. Pearson, Populist of Wayne, are both seeking deputy collectorships.

The office in this district is worth about $1,500, if the collector is a hustler like W. C. Troy.

The Drinking Water not the Cause of the Hemorrhagic Fever—If due to Malaria or other cause can it not be remedied?

The following analyses show the composition of the drinking water from former residence of Mr. S. C. Godwin in the hemorrhagic belt in this county' According to the report from the State Chemist the water compares favorably with water known to be wholesome and comparatively pure. It has been suggested that the fever might be due to excessive use of quinine.

Total solid matter in solution, 5.58 grains per U. S. gallon.

Hardness, 2.45 degrees Clarke's scale. Equivalent to calcium carbonate, 1.21 grains per U. S. gallon.

Chlorine, 1.16 grains per U. S. gallon.

Free ammonia, 0.0282 parts per million.

Albuminoid ammonia, 0.0362 parts per million.

The chemical analysis shows no indication of organic contamination.

Mr. and Mrs. Slocomb Entertain in Charming Style.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Slocomb entertained in their inimitably hospitable style a brilliant assembly of guests at their handsome residence on Dick street Wednesday night with a reception and dance complimentary to Miss Connie Dockery, of Memphis, Tennessee, guest of Miss May Broadfoot.

It goes without saying that the evening was a most delightful one, for was there ever a more charming hostess than Mrs. Slocomb?

Among those present were:

Miss McDaniel, of Wilson; Miss Shepherd of Charleston, S. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Menefee, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lutterloh, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Williamson, Mr. A. Sidney Williams of New York; Mr. E. H. Williamson of Graham.

The dance was one of the most enjoyable social events of the season, and it was far into the midnight hours before the last guests said "good night" to their charming hostess.

"The Holt-Williamson Manufacturing Company."

The incorporation papers of the "Holt-Williamson Company" which as stated in Wednesday's OBSERVER, has been chartered to operate the cotton factory purchased from the Phœnix Cotton Manufacturing Company, and carry on other enterprises, were filed with the clerk of the court yesterday. The charter is a sweeping one. It says:

The principal place of business of the corporation is to be Fayetteville, Cumberland county, N. C., with branch factories, mills and agencies anywhere in the United States, that the directors of the company may determine to have them; and its business may be that of acquiring, holding and dealing in land and machinery and other useful personal property; the erection of mills, factories, tenements store houses, depots and all other necessary structures; the purchase and sale of cotton, wool, hemp, jute, flax, silk, grass and other textile products; the spinning, weaving, dyeing and bleaching of cotton and other products; the manufacture of sheeting, plaids, yarns, cloths, rope, twine, calico and all other products of cotton; the grinding and milling of corn and carding of wool and the buying, selling and dealing in all kinds of merchandise.

THE FLORIDA SPECIAL WRECKED.

Terrible Collision at Ashley Junction.

The Florida special which passed through this city at 3 o'clock Friday morning collided with a local train at Ashley Junction, near Charleston, a few minutes after seven. We received the following dispatch that afternoon:

CHARLESTON, S. C.,
Jan'y 21st—3 P. M.

Observer, Fayetteville:

At 7:20 this morning the Florida Special on the Atlantic Coast Line collided with the train for Columbia at Ashley Junction. Two firemen were killed outright; engineer on Columbia train will die; mail clerk Bingham on same train was seriously injured and will die; several other members of the trains' crew were hurt and a few passengers more or less injured. Full particulars not yet received here.

NEWS & COURIER.

General News of Interest.

The base ball players are already preparing for the coming season. We trust that Fayetteville will launch a good team. The first event of interest will be the game in Charlotte on Easter Monday between the Universities of North Carolina and Pennsylvania.

The massive iron fence around the Capitol Square in Raleigh is being removed. A correspondent writing from Raleigh says:

The fence was built here in 1853 by a contractor named Burns. In some places it rises eight or nine feet above the street level, and rests on a heavy base of granite. The removal of the fence and the sloping of the capitol grounds will be a decided improvement. It is quite certain that the arsenal which stands in one corner of the square, will be removed also. Convicts will pave the streets around the square with belgian blocks save in front of the supreme court, where shell rock from Castle Haynes will be used for the reason that it makes an almost noiseless pavement. The fence removed will be placed around the old or city cemetery.

The Raleigh News and Observer of Friday morning says:

Yesterday Mr. John A. Mills went over the route of his proposed railroad to Lillington with his civil engineer, Mr. Thos. J. Moncure, of Fredericksburg, Va. Today they will begin to make the survey. For the present it will be surveyed for only about eighteen miles. Articles of incorporation will probably be taken out by the company today. Until then the name of the road will not be made known.

The President Wednesday nominated Claude M. Bernard, to be Attorney of the United States, Eastern District of North Carolina; also Tyre Glenn, to be postmaster at Greensboro, N. C., and Wm. H. Chadbourn, postmaster at Wilmington, N. C.

Senator Butler in his paper Wednesday calls on the governor to remove Robert Hancock, Republican, who is charged with seduction of his wife's niece, as president of the Atlantic and North Carolina railway, saying if the facts are as reported Hancock is not fit to hold any public position, and that he is sure if the governor, upon investigation, finds the facts to be as stated he will remove Hancock at once.

The Railroad Subscription Election.

The following is a list of Judges and Registrars appointed by Chairman of County Commissioners, Clerk of the Court and Register of Deeds, forming the County Board, to hold an election on February 8th, 1898, in Cross Creek and Seventy-First Townships upon the question of each township subscribing $10,000 to the capital stock of the Fayetteville and Albemarle Railroad:

Cross Creek, No. 1.

Registrars—J. M. Strickland, F. P. Williston and J. E. Garrett.

Judges—T. H. Maultsby, A. A. McKethan and John Roddick.

Cross Creek, No. 2.

Registrars—T. J. Powers, Wm. Alderman and Jos. A. Barnes.

Judges—Richard McNeill, W. F. Russell and Andrew Broadfoot.

Cross Creek, No. 3.

Registrars—E. P. Powers, M. McI. Matthews and J. M. Goddard.

Judges—Walter Watson, C. B. McMillan and J. A. Lambeth.

Cross Creek, No. 4.

Registrars—W. D. Smith, Andrew Deal and W. P. Wemyss.

Judges—Chas. Glover, J. B. Smith and Geo. H. Henderson.

Newton's.

Registrars—H. M. Fillyaw, J. W. H. Smith and J. C. Vaughn.

Judges—F. L. McKay, S. G. Vaughn and W. A. Huske.

Ray's.

Registrars—A. A. Ray, J. T. Townsend and N. H. Smith.

Judges—A. E. Gilchrist, J. B. Huske and Jos. A. McArthur.

Free Silver the Issue.

A Washington telegram of Thursday's date says:

The shrewdest political prophets here have decided that the free silver issue must be fought in the Congressional campaign of ninety-eight, and presidential canvass of nineteen hundred Democrats, as the opposition party, must have an issue. The tariff is settled, and there is such great public dread of over-hauling the revenue question that many of the bitterest opponents of Dingleyism say they prefer now that high protective tariff has become a law to let it alone. It is upon questions of finance, particularly currency and banking that the political battles of the future must apparently be fought.

The Greatest Discovery Yet.

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill., "Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fail's to satisfy. Trial bottles free at B. E. Sedberry & Son Drug Store.

The Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway.

Wilmington Star. 16th.]

There are many rumors and many opinions afloat in regard to the future of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railway. It has been known for sometime that a "deal" had been made that gave the Seaboard Air Line control of the property, subject, however, to the sale of the road, which it has been supposed would take plase at an early day.

Judge Simonton, of the United States Circuit Court, it will be recalled, decided that the road must be sold as a whole, and not by divisions, and from this decision the "New York committee," as it is known, took an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, where the case is now under advisement, with a probability that the opinion will not be filed until February.

The impression seems quite general that if Judge Simonton is sustained by the Circuit Court of Appeals there will be no further delay except that necessary for carrying out the decree of the court for the public sale of the property, and that the Seaboard Air Line will have possession of the property in sixty days or less. But here is where the element of doubt comes in: Even if the Circuit Court of Appeals affirm the decision of Judge Simonton, which is likely, there is still opportunity for another appeal—this time to the Supreme Court of the United States. On this point the Star has unquestioned authority for the statement that one of the leading counsel for the "New York committee" has recently said that if Judge Simonton's order to sell the road as an entirety is sustained, the New York people will take the case to the United States Supreme Court on appeal. Another prominent attorney, of this State, has, within a few days, in conversation with the writer, expressed a similar opinion. So, it is manifest that much depends on this question of final appeal. If the case goes to the Supreme Court it will involve serious delay in effecting the sale of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley road, and on this depends the early success of any plan looking to reorganization.

Don't Be Fooled.

We have not heard of any of our farmers purchasing the "Jackson Limbless Cotton Seed," but it is just as well to publish the following from the Progressive Farmer:

"Jackson Limbless Cotton," just now so much advertised, is a humbug. It quotes Director Redding, of the Georgia Experiment Station, as saying that of 21 new varities tested by the station last year, 9 varities gave a better yield per acre than did the Jackson Limbless; that the statement that the cotton is entirely limbless is false. The liut, he says, is fairly good, but nothing extraordinary. It does not compare at all with Sea Island, Egyptian, or even with Allen's Long Staple, and would not command a higher price than the ordinary unland Short Staples. Continuing, he says that the fiber is not remarkably strong, in fact, is not one half inches long, and the average length is about five eights of an inch. The cotton is said to be not at all suited to poor land or poor culture, but "is a fairly good variety on rich soils or under high culture."

The Growth of the German Empire.

Atlanta Constitution.]

If the well known British statistician, Mr. Michael G. Mulhall, is correct in his figures, the German empire has progressed more rapidly than any other European power during the past twenty years. In the current number of The North American Review the statistician undertakes to establish the truth of this statement.

Within the period of time under consideration Mr. Mulhall shows that the textile manufactures of the empire have more than doubled in amount. In 1876 the German cotton mills consumed only 280,000 tons of raw fiber, whereas at the present time they consume 590,000 tons. This is not surprising in view of the fact that these mills contain 4,700,000 spindles, or considerably more than any other country of Europe. What is true of the cotton industry in the matter of growth is also true of the silk industry. In silk manufactures Germany ranks second only to France, and during the past twenty years her rate of progress in this line has been much more rapid. With respect to the manufacture of sugar, Germany's output of this product has more than trebled since 1876. In the manufacture of industrial implements, hardware and machinery, it appears that the empire has also made extraordinary progress.

Twenty years ago the aggregate debts of all the states included within the present German empire amounted to $620,000,000; today the burden which the empire carries aggregates the amazing sum of $2,900,000,000. This increase is due to the fact that the government has incurred bonded indebtedness in purchasing railway systems; but since the investment pays handsomely, she will be enabled in time to cancel the entire debt out of her railway profits. Altogether, the progress which the empire has achieved in various directions during the time under review has been most remarkable; and in view of the intense rivalry between the European powers which exist at this time, it serves to throw important light upon the situation.

Mrs. M. B. Ford, Ruddell's, Ill., suffered for eight years from dyspepsia and chronic constipation and was finally cured by using DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for all stomach and liver troubles

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DR. HARTMAN SAYS.

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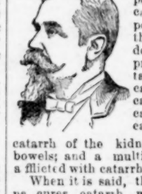

All classes and conditions of people have chronic catarrh. It spares neither strong or weak, old or young, healthy or sickly. All ranks of people have chronic catarrh. Rich men, poormen, beggar men, thieves, lawyers, doctors, merchants, priests. Not only catarrh of the head, but catarrh of the throat, catarrh of the lungs, catarrh of the stomach, catarrh of the liver, catarrh of the kidneys, catarrh of the bowels; and a multitude of women are afflicted with catarrh of the pelvic organs.

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LATEST NEWS.

E. J. Best of Goldsboro, is appointed Judge Purnell's stenographer.——Sixty-two citizens of Durham are indicted for gambling.——The Durham grand jury fail to indict the Southern railroad for giving passes.—Secretary Long decides against making any cut in wages of employees at the navy yard at Portsmouth, Va.——In the Maryland legislature yesterday two ballots for senator were taken in which McComas gained four votes over the day before; the fight now is between Baltimore and the Sixth (McComas) congressional district; the plan of the Democrats is to keep up this fight as long as possible and unite with the bolters only in case of necessity.—The senate confirms the nominations of McKenna, to be supreme court justice and Tyre Glenn to be postmaster at Greensboro, N. C.——A New York policeman is sentenced to Sing Sing for shooting a boy who runs to escape arrest.——At Port Townsend a sailor lives eleven days after having his neck broken by a fall.——The Democrats of the Tennessee legislature took fifteen fruitless ballots for a candidate for senator last night.——Vice-President St. John of the Seaboard Air Line will become manager of the Union Pacific railroad.——The situation in the New England towns where strikes have occurred becomes more critical; indications point to a general strike.——Japan will send nine warships to the Chinese waters.——The St. James Gazette says Japan is prepared for war and that she can defeat all the warships Germany and Russia have east of Suez——Two French journalists fight a duel as a result of a dispute over the Dreyfus case.

The penitentiary board will make efforts to have the penitentiary designated as a prison for federal prisoners.——Persons in a position to know say that the policy of the administration as to Cuba is to wait and see what will be the result of the autonomous government.——The Spanish minister at Washington is uneasy at the tone of Mr. Hitt's speech in the house Wednesday and at the disposition of our warships.——Senator Morgan closes his speech on the Hawaiian treaty; Senator Bacon offers an amendment, providing for its ratification by popular vote of the Hawaiians.——The deadlock in the Maryland legislature continues; it is said the Democrats and bolters have decided to elect a senator.——The Japanese cruiser Nasagi was launched at Cramp's shipyard yesterday; as the vessel entered the water six doves fluttered from a basket on her bow.——There is no change in the New England strike, except that another mill closes for lack of operatives and the strikers are showing even greater determination; the discontent at Fall River is increasing and there is danger of the situation becoming acute at Biddeford; everybody, even Chinese laundrymen, are contributing to the relief fund.—A bill is introduced in the Ohio senate to gerrymander Mr. Grosvenor out of congress.——At Portland, Ore., an unsuccessful attempt is made to hold up the officers of a bank; the cashier was too plucky for the robber.

Governor Russell commutes to life imprisonment the death sentence of Ben Field, convicted at Tarboro of murder by poisoning.——The president nominates Tyre Glenn to be postmaster at Greensboro and C. M. Bernard to be attorney for the Eastern district of this state.——Marshal Dockery appoints a number of deputy marshals. George Vanderbilt's landscape gardener will have charge of the improvements of capitol square.—The governor of Florida invites the governors of the southern and western states to attend the session of the South and West Commercial Congress, to meet at Tampa February 8th 10th.——Senator Morgan delivers another instalment of his Hawaiian annexation speech; he repeats belief that Cleveland at one time contemplated annexation of the islands.——The Cuban question was again the subject of debate in the house of representatives yesterday, the democrats making several unsuccessful efforts to tack belligerency recognition onto the diplomatic appropriation bill; the debate will close, by agreement at 4 o'clock this afternoon when a motion will be made to re-commit the bill with instructions to the committee to report back the Cuban resolution as a rider.

Death of One of Wyatt's Companions.

Col. O. W. Blacknall in Raleigh News and Observer.

The recent death of Mr. Geo. T. Williams, of Tarboro, leaves but one surviver of probably the most picturesque event in North Carolina history. That survivor is Mr. H. R. Bradley, of Raleigh. When at Bethel a call was made for volunteers to perform the perilous feat of advancing to burn a house between the lines, which gave the enemy shelter. These are the men who with young Wyatt sprang forward to do the work.

Mr. Bradley was in the lead. Wyatt fell, martyr of the Southern cause in the greatest tragedy that the new world will ever see. Literature and especially art, is fond of such salient scenes, and of the men who take part in them.

When the shadow of Appomattox lifts—when the Southern mind and heart recovers from the benumbing effects of defeat—an effort which patriotic genius is apt to feel in exact proportion as it is genius and is patriotic—when we have poets and artists, then this Bethel event, episode, what you will, cannot fail to receive the attention t deserves.

Therefore, let the lineaments of these men, showing them as near as possible to this eventful day in their lives, as well as an exact description of their garb and accoutrements, be preserved and handed down to posterity.

The State Librarian by collecting and preserving them would lay the whole state under obligations.

I wish also that Mr. Bradley could write for publication a fuller and more circumstantial account of the incident than he has yet done. It was a brave deed for unseasoned soldiers to volunteer for, and the fact that it is typical of Southern ardor and courage makes it doubly interesting.

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She says: "What women at present most need is a better supply of red corpuscles."

From every section of the country, from Maine to California, come well-attested reports of women, bloodless, dyspeptic, nervous, seriously run down, and in many cases so weak as to be bed-ridden, who have been enabled to resume their places in the family circle and in social fife—healthy, ruddy, well-cured women, by the aid of that great blood-maker and health-maker, Paine's celery compound.

Mrs. E. A. Ward, is one of these fortunate women whom Paine's celery compound has saved from an ailing, unhappy invalid condition, as her letter shows:

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Persons of large experience among nervous women who, as a rule, are thin and lack blood, recommend Paine's celery compound as beyond all question the one remedy that can be depended on to renew the vitality of feeble persons.

This settled confidence in Paine's celery compound is not a hearsay belief, but rests in nearly every case on personal use or acquaintance with men or women who have been restored to useful health by no other means. The rapid change for the better in color, flesh and expression of the face is so unmistakable that repair of the wasted tissues might well be called a renewal of life.

The process by which Paine's celery compound is able to build up health in the run-down body is not hard to understand when one observes how surely it disposes the bowels to act regularly, how it increases the capacity to take and assimilate food, and regulates the nerves all over the body.

The heavy, alarming pain in the back and loins disappears; the growing paleness and loss of flesh is stopped and a bright, buoyant feeling gradually takes the place of that unending sense of tire and depression.

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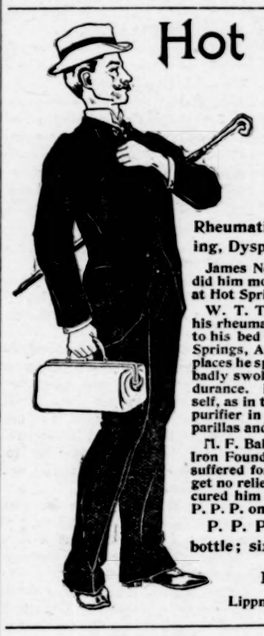

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LITERARY NOTES.

A NEW "GIBSON GIRL."

A new "Gibson girl," drawn by the famous society artist, C. D. Gibson, will make her debut in print as the cover design for the February *Ladies' Home Journal*. The new "girl" is the artist's own little daughter, who, at one year of age, will be shown as drawn by her clever father. The legend under the picture is "My Valentine."

A NEW FORM OF PERSONALITIES.

The old style of portraying people through a "sketch" or "biography" is to be modernized in *The Ladies's Home Journal* during 1898. Five of the most prominent Americans have been chosen for the departure. President McKinley, Mrs. Cleveland, Mark Twain, Jos. Jefferson, and Thomas A. Edison. Each will have a special article, which will consist of about fifteen or twenty fresh, unpublished stories and anecdotes strung together, each anecdote showing some characteristic trait or presenting a different side of the subject. The idea is to show famous personalities through their own doings and sayings, and to make these articles accurate the relatives and closest personal friends of the subjects have assisted and given to the *Journal* the best stories and anecdotes within their own knowledge. Each article will thus represent the closest view of the one sketched. No authorship will be attached to any of the articles.

Mrs. Mary Bird, Harrisburg, Pa., says 'My child is worth millions to me; yet I would have lost her by croup had I not invested twenty-five cents in a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure." It cures coughs, colds and all throat and lungs troubles.

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Cancer Of the Face.

Mrs. Laura E. Mims, of Dawson, Ga., says: "A small pimple of a strawberry color appeared on my cheek; it soon began to grow rapidly, notwithstanding all efforts to check it. My eye became terribly inflamed, and was so swollen that for quite a while I could not see. The doctors said I had Cancer of the most malignant type, and after exhausting their efforts without doing me any good, they gave up the case as hopeless. When informed that my father had died from the same disease, they said I must die, as hereditary Cancer was incurable.

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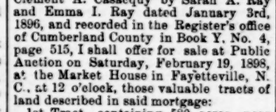

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Land for Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Cumbeland County in a cause therein entitled M. J. Owen, Adm'r, vs. Nathaniel Owen et al., heirs at law of Nathaniel Owen, deceased, the undersigned commissioner appointed for that purpose, will offer for sale at the Market House in Fayetteville, N. C., on Monday, the 7th day of February, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., for cash, to the highest bidder, the following described real estate to-wit all that tract of land, beginning at a post in the South margin of Moore street and running with said margin North 65 West 70 ft. 4 ins. to a stake; thence South 23½ West 158 ft. to a stake; thence South 65 East 70 ft. 4 ins. to a stake; thence North 23½ East 158 ft. to the beginning. The above land is in the city of Fayetteville, on Moore street, and beginning corner is 135 ft. 8 ins. from the intersection of Hogg and Moore streets, it being the same land which formerly belonged to B. W. Robinson, Robert Broadfoot and others and was the residence of the late Nathaniel Owen.

N. A. SINCLAIR,
Dec 26, 1897. Commissioner.

Sale of Valuable Land.

By virtue of the authority contained in a deed of mortgage made and executed to Clement A. Cassequy by Sarah A. Ray and Emma I. Ray dated January 3rd, 1896, and recorded in the Register's office of Cumberland County in Book Y. No. 4, page 515, I shall offer for sale at Public Auction on Saturday, February 19, 1898, at the Market House in Fayetteville, N. C., at 12 o'clock, those valuable tracts of land described in said mortgage:

1st Tract, containing 580 acres, near Kingsbury, on the Raleigh Road, being that part of the Sand Hill place allotted to Sarah A. Ray in the division of the Ray lands as Registered in Book M, No. 3, page 433.

2nd Tract, containing about 640 acres adjoining above and desaribed in the partition above referred to and allotted to Emma I. Ray in said division.

3rd Tract containing about 276 acres on Cape Fear River, being that part of the River Plantation allotted to Sarah A. Ray in the partition above referred to.

4th Tract containing about 276 acres adjoining above, being that part of the River Plantation allotted to Emma I. Ray in the said partition.

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NORTH BOUND	No. 2 Daily
Leave Wilmington,	9 00 m
Arrive Fayetteville,	12 10 p m
Leave Fayetteville,	12 22 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction,	12 27 "
Leave Sanford,	1 48 "
Leave Climax,	3 47 "
Arrive Greensboro,	4 20 "
Leave Greensboro,	4 30 "
Leave Stokesdale,	5 17 "
Leave Walnut Cove,	5 47 "
Leave Rural Hall,	6 15 "
Arrive Mt. Airy,	7 45 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 1 Daily.
Leave Mt. Airy,	8 40 a m
Leave Rural Hall,	10 04 "
Leave Walnut Cove,	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale,	11 06 "
Arrive Greensboro,	1 55 "
Leave Greensboro,	12 15 p m
Leave Climax,	12 43 "
Leave Sanford,	2 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction,	3 55 "
Arrive Fayetteville,	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville,	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington,	7 20 "

NORTH BOUND.	No. 4 Daily
Leave Bennettsville,	8 00 a m
Arrive Maxton,	9 02 "
Leave Maxton,	9 07 "
Leave Red Springs	9 35 "
Leave Hope Mills,	10 20 "
Arrive Fayetteville	10 40 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 3. Daily.
Leave Fayetteville,	4 50 p m
Leave Hope Mills,	5 07 "
Leave Red Springs,	5 43 "
Arrive Maxton,	6 11 "
Leave Maxton,	6 15 "
Arrive Bennettsville,	7 15 "

NORTH BOUN .	No. 16. Mixed Daily Except Sunday.
Leave Ramseur,	9 40 a m
Leave Climax,	8 25 "
Arrive Greensboro,	9 17 "
Leave Greensboro,	9 35 "
Leave Stokesdale,	11 07 "
Arrive Madison,	11 55 "

SOUTH BOUND.	No. 15. Mixed. Daily Except Sunday.
Leave Madison,	12 35 p m
Leave Stokesdale,	1 25 "
Arrive Greensboro,	2 45 "
Leave Greensboro,	3 15 "
Leave Climax,	4 25 "
Arrive Ramseur,	6 10 "

CONNECTIONS

at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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CONDENSED SCHEDULE.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

DATED Jan. 17, 1898.	No 23. Daily.	No 35. Daily.	No. 103. Ex. Sunday.	No 41. Daily.	No 49. Daily.
	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Leave Weldon	11 32	9 43			
Ar Rocky Mt.	12 55	10 36			
Leave Tarboro	12 12			6 01	
Lv Rocky Mt,	1 00	10 36	9 45	5 40	12 47
Leave Wilson	2 20	11 16	7 17	6 22	2 37
Leave Selma	3 15	.....			
Lv Fayetteville	4 47	1 14			
Ar Florence	7 35	3 15			
	P. M.	A. M.			
Ar Goldsboro	.....	.....	8 00	.....	.....
Lv Goldsboro	.....	.....		7 01	3 29
Lv Magnolia	.....	.....		8 05	4 24
Ar Wilmington	.....	.....		9 20	5 50
				P. M.	A. M. P. M

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No 78 Daily	No. 102. Dly ex. Sunday.	No 92. Daily	No 40 Daily.	No 48. Daily
	A. M.		P. M.		
Lv Florence	9 48		8 15		
Lv Fayetteville	12 13		10 15		
Leave Selma	1 47				
Arrive Wilson	2 35		12 09		
		A. M.		P. M.	A. M.
Lv Wilmington				7 15	9 35
Lv Magnolia				8 55	11 02